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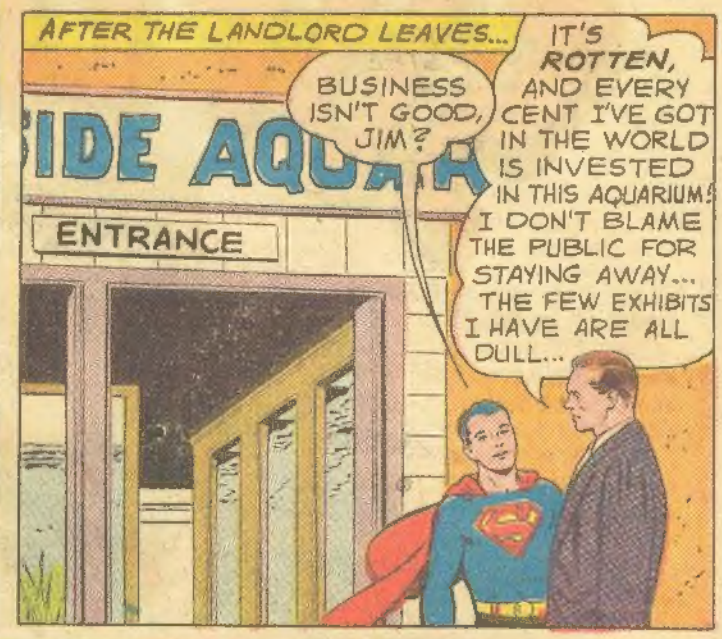
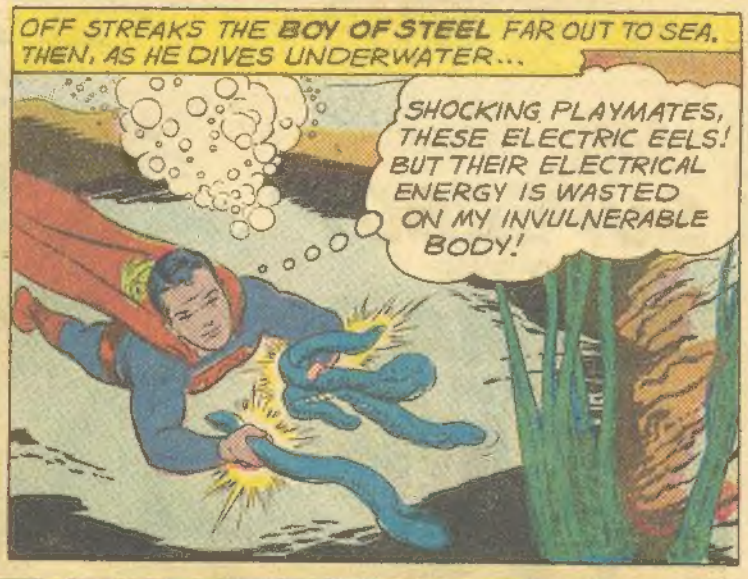
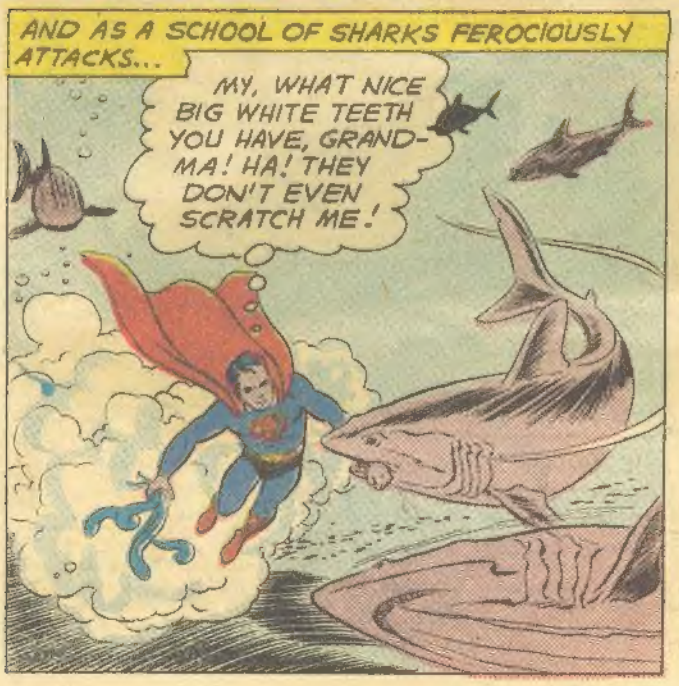
ONE SUNNY AFTERNOON, AS SUPERBOY PATROLS THE TOWN OF SMALLVILLE...
YOU'RE ALREADY THREE MONTHS BEHIND IN YOUR RENT! PAY UP BY NEXT WEEK, SAUNDERS, OR GET OUT!
JIM SAUNDERS, OWNER OF THE SEASIDE AQUARIUM, IS IN TROUBLE WITH HIS LANDLORD! JIM'S A NICE GUY...


AFTER THE LANDLORD LEAVES...
BUSINESS ISN'T GOOD, JIM?
IT'S ROTTEN, AND EVERY CENT I'VE GOT IN THE WORLD IS INVESTED IN THIS AQUARIUM! I DON'T BLAME THE PUBLIC FOR STAYING AWAY... THE FEW EXHIBITS I HAVE ARE ALL DULL...
ENTRANCE

MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU...
YOU MEAN...? GOSH, SUPERBOY! IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO WHAT I THINK...! WOW!


OFF STREAKS THE BOY OF STEEL FAR OUT TO SEA. THEN, AS HE DIVES UNDERWATER...
SHOCKING PLAYMATES, THESE ELECTRIC EELS! BUT THEIR ELECTRICAL ENERGY IS WASTED ON MY INVULNERABLE BODY!

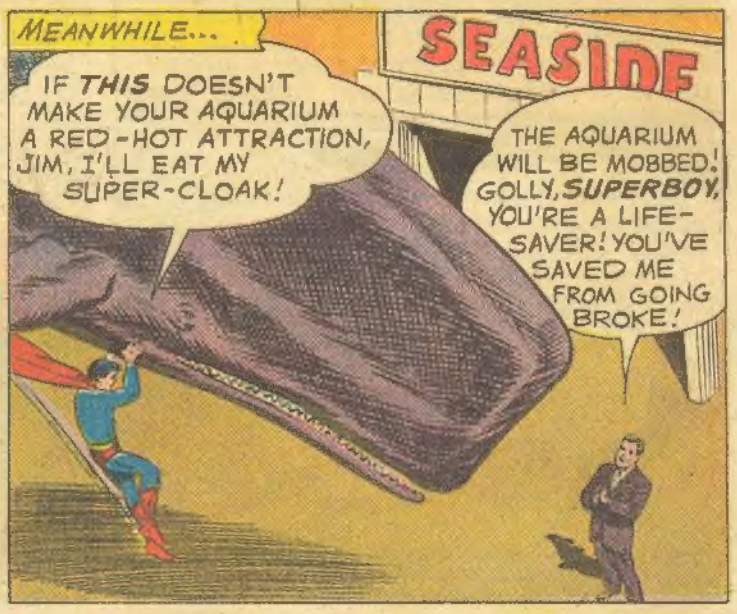

AND AS A SCHOOL OF SHARKS FEROCIOUSLY ATTACKS...
MY, WHAT NICE BIG WHITE TEETH YOU HAVE, GRANDMA! HA! THEY DON'T EVEN SCRATCH ME!

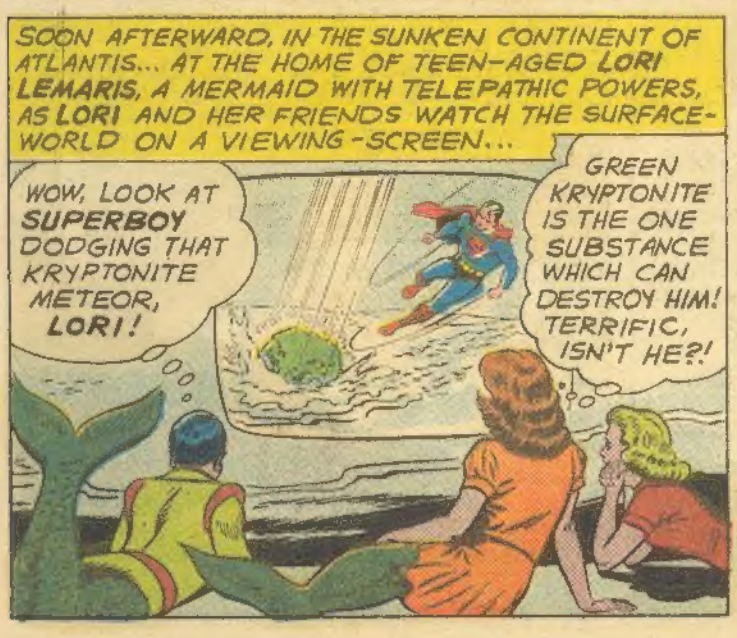
SOON, AT THE AQUARIUM...
ELECTRIC EELS! LIVING SHARKS! SUPERBOY, I-I HARDLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
THEN DON'T SAY IT! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JIM! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

RETURNING TO THE BRINY DEEP, THE BOY OF STEEL PITS HIS SUPER-MIGHT AGAINST AN AQUATIC COLOSSUS...
HOLD IT, CHUM, YOU'LL MAKE ONE WHALE OF A CATCH!

AND AS ONCE AGAIN HE STREAKS BACK TO HIS HOME TOWN...
THERE'S LANA LANG WAVING TO ME FROM THE WINDOW OF HER FATHER'S STUDY!
HI, LANA!

INSIDE THE HOME OF ARCHAEOLOGIST-EXPLORER PROFESSOR LANG...
LANA, PLEASE SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE MINERAL SPECIMENS I LEFT IN ONE OF THE CAVES MARKED ON THIS MAP! I'M BUSY FINISHING THIS ARTICLE ON THOSE SMALLVILLE CAVES I'VE BEEN EXPLORING...
YES, DAD...


MEANWHILE...
SEASIDE
IF THIS DOESN'T MAKE YOUR AQUARIUM A RED-HOT ATTRACTION, JIM, I'LL EAT MY SUPER-CLOAK!
THE AQUARIUM WILL BE MOBBED! GOLLY, SUPERBOY, YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER! YOU'VE SAVED ME FROM GOING BROKE!


SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE SUNKEN CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS... AT THE HOME OF TEEN-AGED LORI LEMARIS, A MERMAID WITH TELEPATHIC POWERS, AS LORI AND HER FRIENDS WATCH THE SURFACE-WORLD ON A VIEWING-SCREEN...
WOW, LOOK AT SUPERBOY DODGING THAT KRYPTONITE METEOR, LORI!
GREEN KRYPTONITE IS THE ONE SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN DESTROY HIM! TERRIFIC, ISN'T HE?!

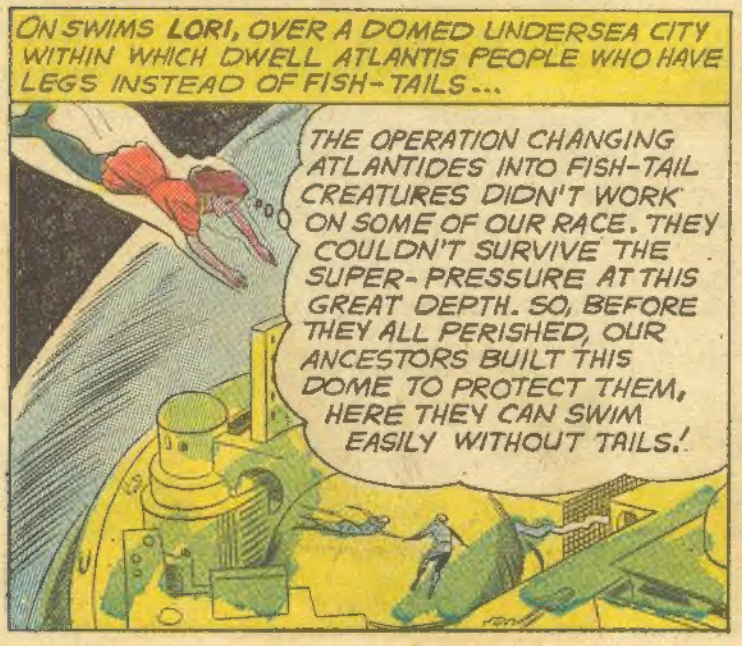
UNOBSERVED BY LORI, HER PARENTS, BRITT AND OMRA LEMARIS, ENTER THE ROOM...
SUPERBOY IS A GREAT FRIEND OF MINE! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M GOING TO VISIT HIM ON THE SURFACE-WORLD SOON!
SHE'S AT IT AGAIN, OMRA!
WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, BRITT!

AFTER LORI'S FRIENDS LEAVE...
TELLING FIBS AGAIN, EH, YOUNG LADY! YOU KNOW IT'S FORBIDDEN TO VISIT THE SURFACE-WORLD EXCEPT FOR AN EXTREME EMERGENCY! AND YOU'VE NEVER EVEN MET SUPERBOY!
LORI, WHY DO YOU TELL SUCH WILD UNTRUTHS? WILL YOU EVER REFORM?
I'D LIKE TO, MOTHER, BUT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!

PRESENTLY, IN HER HOBBY WORK-ROOM...
HERE, TAKE THIS NEEDLE AND ENGRAVE SOME MORE COINS! AT LEAST, THIS HOBBY OF YOURS IS EDUCATIONAL!
EDUCATIONAL, BUT BORING!

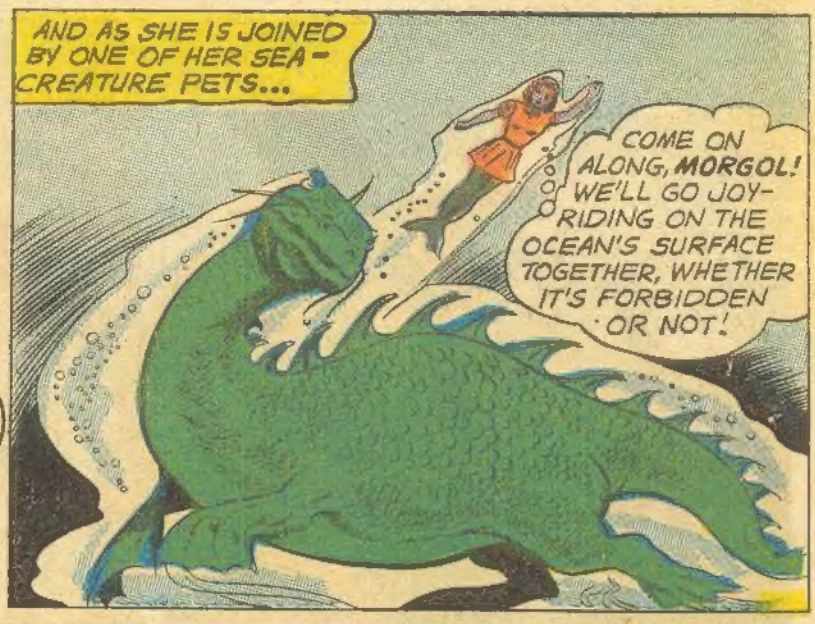
LATER, LORI UNHAPPILY ROAMS THROUGH ATLANTIS, PAST THE STATUE OF HER GREAT ANCESTOR, NAR LEMARIS, WHO HAD DISCOVERED HOW TO CONVERT THE SURVIVORS OF SUNKEN ATLANTIS INTO MERMEN AND MERMAIDS...
I INHERITED YOUR IMAGINATION, GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER... ONLY I GET BAWLED OUT FOR USING IT!
NAR LEMARIS

THROUGH A GRAVEYARD OF SUNKEN SHIPS SWIMS THE SULKING YOUNG MERMAID...
ONE OF THOSE SHIPS BELONGED TO THE VIKING HERO, "ERIC THE RED"--ANOTHER IS A ROMAN GALLEY DESTROYED IN A SEA-BATTLE--STILL ANOTHER IS THE SUNKEN TITANIC... SO WHAT?! I-I'VE SEEN THE "WONDERS" OF ATLANTIS SO OFTEN, THEY BORE ME STIFF!!

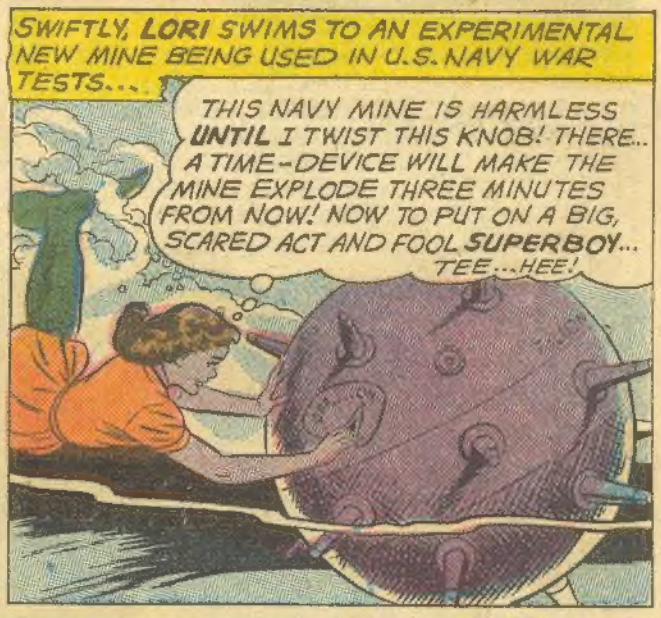

ON SWIMS LORI, OVER A DOMED UNDERSEA CITY WITHIN WHICH DWELL ATLANTIS PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEGS INSTEAD OF FISH-TAILS...
THE OPERATION CHANGING ATLANTIDES INTO FISH-TAIL CREATURES DIDN'T WORK ON SOME OF OUR RACE. THEY COULDN'T SURVIVE THE SUPER-PRESSURE AT THIS GREAT DEPTH. SO, BEFORE THEY ALL PERISHED, OUR ANCESTORS BUILT THIS DOME TO PROTECT THEM, HERE THEY CAN SWIM EASILY WITHOUT TAILS!

AMAZINGLY, IT WAS FROM THIS DOMED CITY THAT A YOUNG GIRL MANAGED TO SAFELY REACH THE SURFACE-WORLD. MARRYING A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO THE BOY DESTINED TO GROW UP INTO AQUAMAN!
SOMEDAY OUR SON WILL BE FAMOUS!

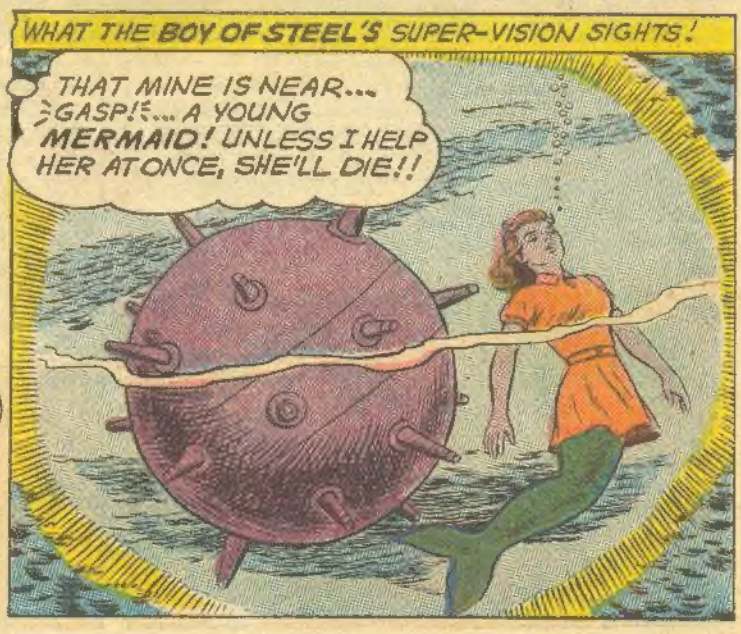
YIELDING TO A SUDDEN IMPULSE, LORI SWIMS UPWARD TOWARD THE OCEAN'S SURFACE...
I'LL SHOW THEM! I'LL MAKE THAT WHOPPER I TOLD, ABOUT MEETING SUPERBOY ON THE SURFACE-WORLD, COME TRUE! I-I'LL RUN AWAY FROM HOME AND... AND STAY AWAY!!


AND AS SHE IS JOINED BY ONE OF HER SEA-CREATURE PETS...
COME ON ALONG, MORGOL! WE'LL GO JOY-RIDING ON THE OCEAN'S SURFACE TOGETHER, WHETHER IT'S FORBIDDEN OR NOT!

SOON...
WHEE, WHAT FUN THIS IS! UH-OH! THERE GOES SUPERBOY, ON HIS DAILY PATROL! QUICK, MORGOL! SUBMERGE BEFORE HE SEES YOU! SOON, I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU PRETEND YOU'RE A TERRIBLE SUPER-MENACE!

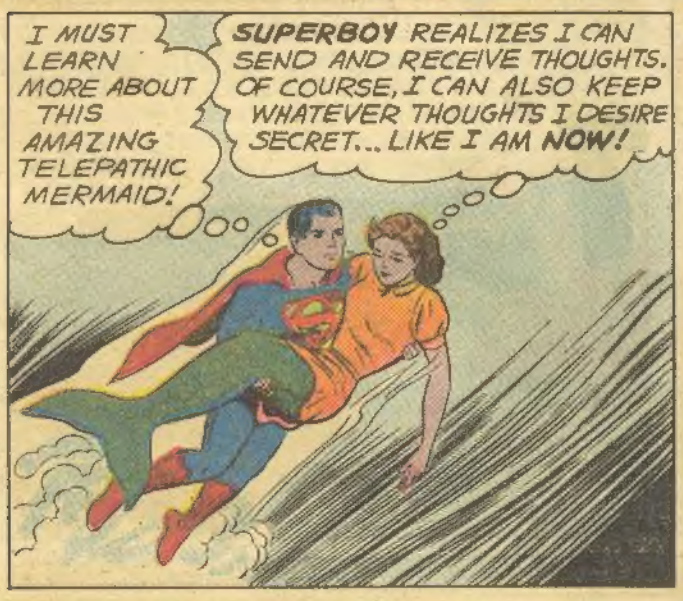

SWIFTLY, LORI SWIMS TO AN EXPERIMENTAL NEW MINE BEING USED IN U.S. NAVY WAR TESTS...
THIS NAVY MINE IS HARMLESS UNTIL I TWIST THIS KNOB! THERE.. A TIME-DEVICE WILL MAKE THE MINE EXPLODE THREE MINUTES FROM NOW! NOW TO PUT ON A BIG, SCARED ACT AND FOOL SUPERBOY... TEE...HEE!

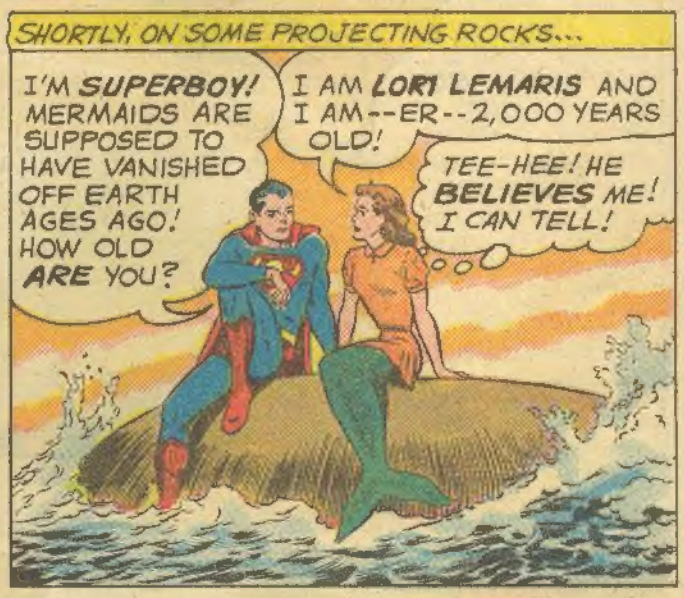
NEXT INSTANT...
SUPERBOY! SAVE ME! THERE'S A DEADLY BOMB NEARBY!
I HEAR... A MENTAL VOICE IN MY BRAIN! IT MUST BE... TELEPATHY! I'LL INVESTIGATE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!


WHAT THE BOY OF STEEL'S SUPER-VISION SIGHTS!
THAT MINE IS NEAR... GASP!... A YOUNG MERMAID! UNLESS I HELP HER AT ONCE, SHE'LL DIE!!

DOWN INTO THE OCEAN DIVES SUPERBOY...
ULP! MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS THAT THE MINE WILL GO OFF IN ANOTHER INSTANT!

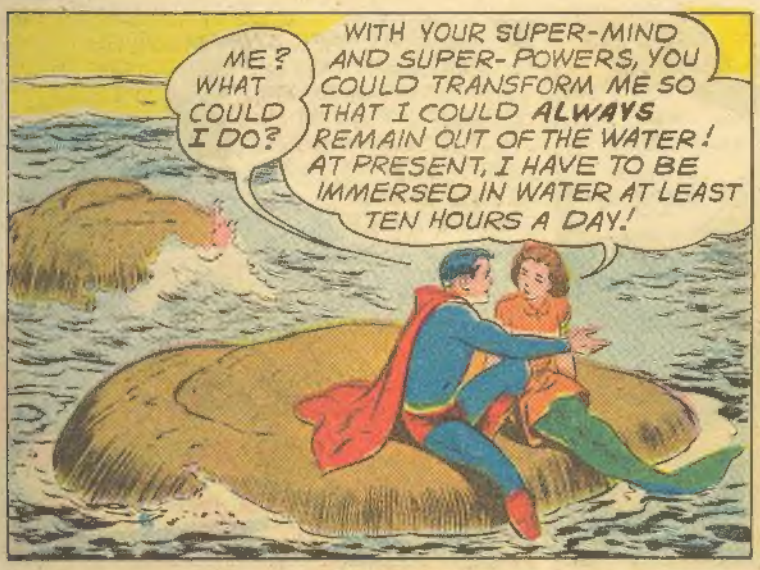
AND AS THE MINE EXPLODES, SUPERBOY SHIELDS LORI FROM THE BURSTING METAL FRAGMENTS...
BRRRUMMMMM!
MY INVULNERABLE BODY MAKES AN EFFECTIVE SHIELD!
YOU'RE... WONDERFUL!


I MUST LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS AMAZING TELEPATHIC MERMAID!
SUPERBOY REALIZES I CAN SEND AND RECEIVE THOUGHTS. OF COURSE, I CAN ALSO KEEP WHATEVER THOUGHTS I DESIRE SECRET... LIKE I AM NOW!


SHORTLY, ON SOME PROJECTING ROCKS...
I'M SUPERBOY! MERMAIDS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE VANISHED OFF EARTH AGES AGO! HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I AM LORI LEMARIS AND I AM--ER--2,000 YEARS OLD!
TEE-HEE! HE BELIEVES ME! I CAN TELL!

GASP!... GOLLY, YOU SURE MUST HAVE SEEN SOME INTERESTING SIGHTS DURING ALL THOSE CENTURIES!
I SAW ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S BOAT SINK IN A TERRIBLE STORM! I SAW THE JOY ON CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' FACE WHEN HIS FLEET SIGHTED LAND!

ASTOUNDING! HOW FORTUNATE YOU ARE TO HAVE SEEN SO MANY STIRRING SIGHTS AT SEA!
THE SEA?--SHUDDER!...I...I HATE IT, WITH ITS FRIGHTFUL PERILS! LOOK AT THE WAY THAT BOMB ALMOST KILLED ME! YOU MUST HELP ME ESCAPE THE SEA, PERMANENTLY! IT'S... AWFUL... !


ME? WHAT COULD I DO?
WITH YOUR SUPER-MIND AND SUPER-POWERS, YOU COULD TRANSFORM ME SO THAT I COULD ALWAYS REMAIN OUT OF THE WATER! AT PRESENT, I HAVE TO BE IMMERSED IN WATER AT LEAST TEN HOURS A DAY!

BUT IF I SUCCEEDED, HOW WOULD YOU GET AROUND ON THE SURFACE-WORLD? YOU... ER... DO NOT HAVE ANY LEGS!
I'D USE A WHEEL-CHAIR!
A PROPHETIC REMARK, FOR LORI WILL DO JUST THAT YEARS LATER, WHEN SHE MEETS SUPERMAN!

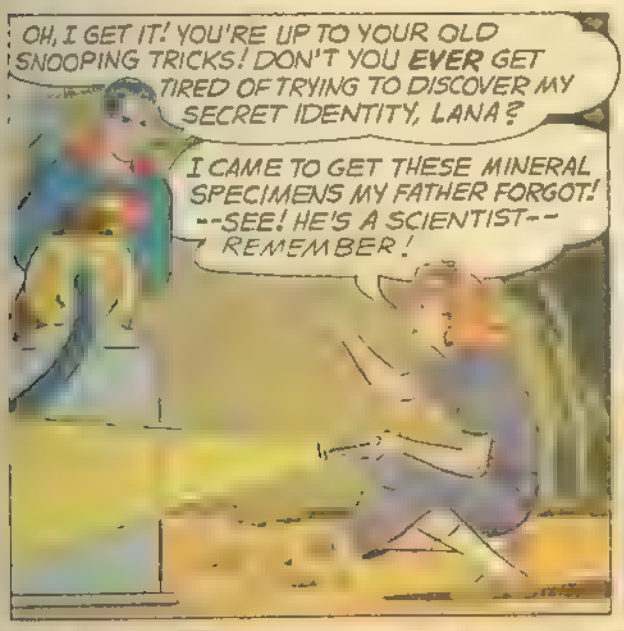
WHAT SORT OF UNDERSEA PERIL DO YOU FEAR?
EEEK! IF YOU L-LOOK BEHIND YOU, Y-YOU'LL FIND OUT!
HA, HA! I TELEPATHICALLY SUMMONED MORGUL! HE MAY LOOK FRIGHTENING, BUT HE'S REALLY HARMLESS!

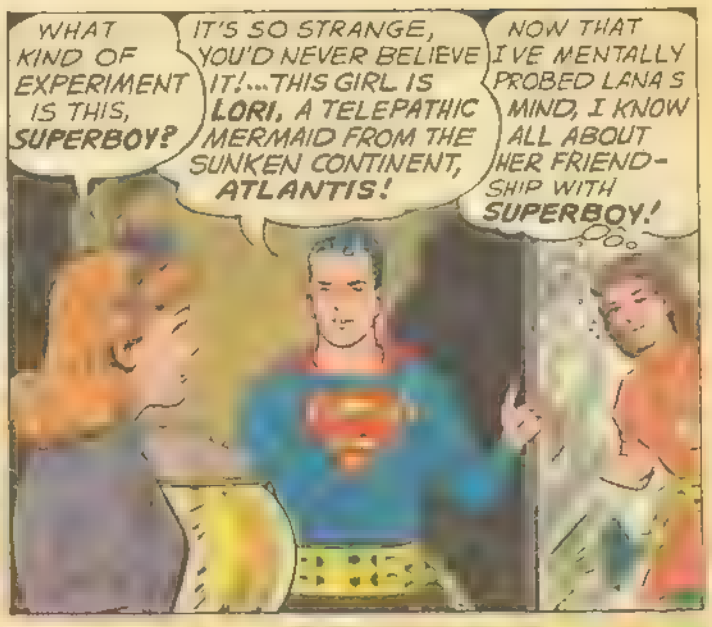
GULP! ...THAT SEA-DRAGON MUST HAVE BEEN HIBERNATING BELOW FOR AGES! PERHAPS THE MINE EXPLOSION AWAKENED IT! I'LL HEAT THE WATER WITH MY INFRA-RED VISION, AND DRIVE IT OFF!
IT'S FLEEING TOWARD THE ARCTIC! MARVELOUS!

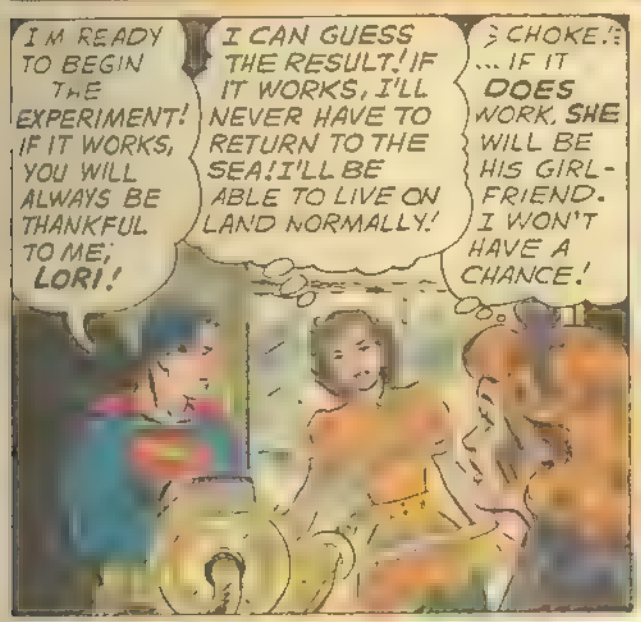
SEE HOW AWFUL THE SEA IS? PLEASE CHANGE ME SO I CAN STAY ON THE SURFACE-WORLD PERMANENTLY!
2,000 YEARS OLD! HM-MMM. THAT'S KIND OF HARD TO SWALLOW...
MY TEARS OUGHT TO SOFTEN HIM UP!

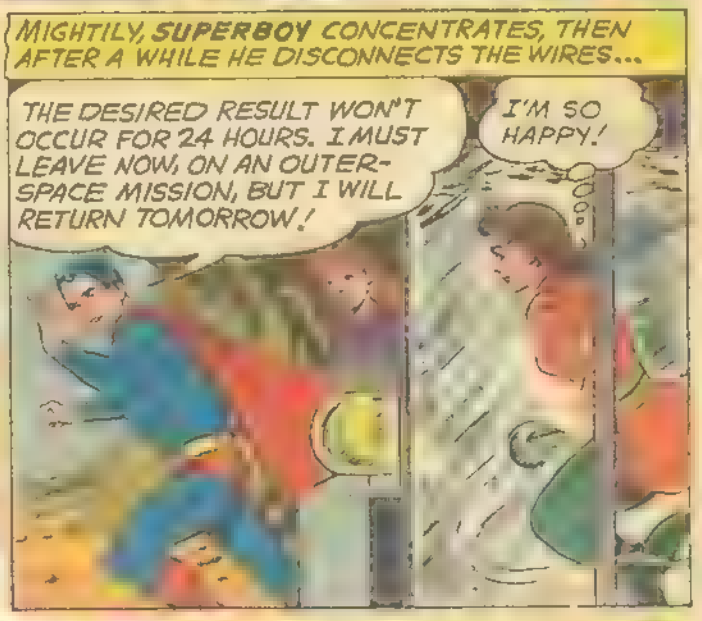
REMOVING A COIN FROM A COMPARTMENT IN HER BELT, LORI SHOWS IT TO SUPERBOY...
I'VE HAD THIS ANCIENT COIN FOR CENTURIES! THIS PROVES I'M MUCH OLDER THAN I LOOK, SUPERBOY!
HM-MMM!

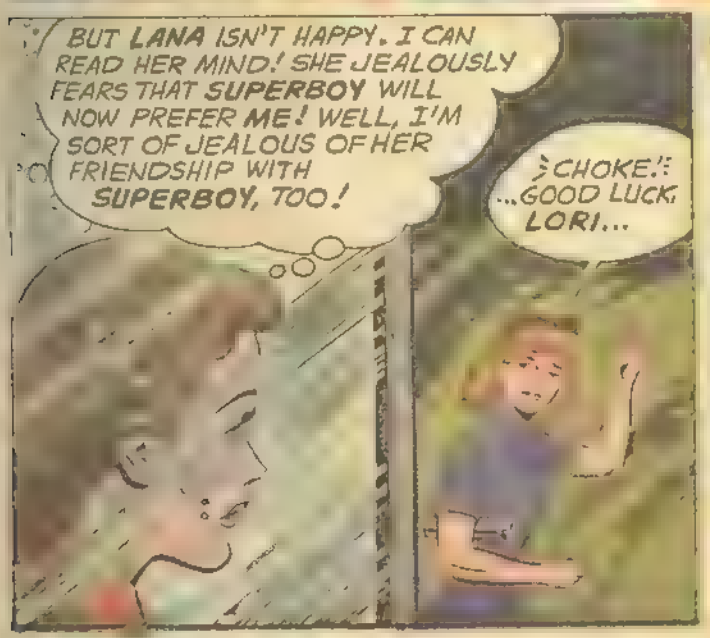
CONCENTRATING HARD, THE BOY OF STEEL CLOSES HIS SUPER-MIND SO THAT LORI IS UNABLE TO READ HIS THOUGHTS...
HA, HA! LITTLE DOES HE KNOW THAT I MADE THAT COIN MYSELF IN MY WORK-SHOP!
WHY, THAT PRETTY LITTLE FAKER!
WHEN THEY MINTED THIS COIN, THE ENGRAVER COULDN'T HAVE PUT DOWN 450 B.C., BECAUSE AT THAT TIME CHRIST WASN'T BORN YET! SO OBVIOUSLY, LORI IS A LIAR AND MUST HAVE MADE THE COIN HERSELF!
SEARCHING THE VICINITY, SUPERBOY'S SUPER-VISION LOCATES THE SUNKEN CONTINENT BENEATH THE OCEAN...
ATLANTIS! IT'S FULL OF FISH-PEOPLE! THAT'S WHERE SHE'S FROM! I'LL BET SHE'S RUN AWAY AND IS USING THIS WILD STORY TO TRICK ME INTO HELPING HER!... HM-MMM...
QUICKLY, THE BOY OF STEEL FLIES LORI TO A SMALLVILLE CAVE WHICH IS ONE MILE INLAND, THEN...
WAIT HERE! I'LL BE BACK SOON WITH SUPPLIES FOR AN ASTONISHING EXPERIMENT!
GOODY! HE'S GOING TO DO WHAT I ASKED! THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY!
PROMPTLY RETURNING WITH SUPPLIES TAKEN FROM HIS LAB IN THE KENT HOME, SUPERBOY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN THE GREAT EXPERIMENT, WHEN...
LANA LANG! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE??!
GASP! ... SUPERBOY... AND A MERMAID!

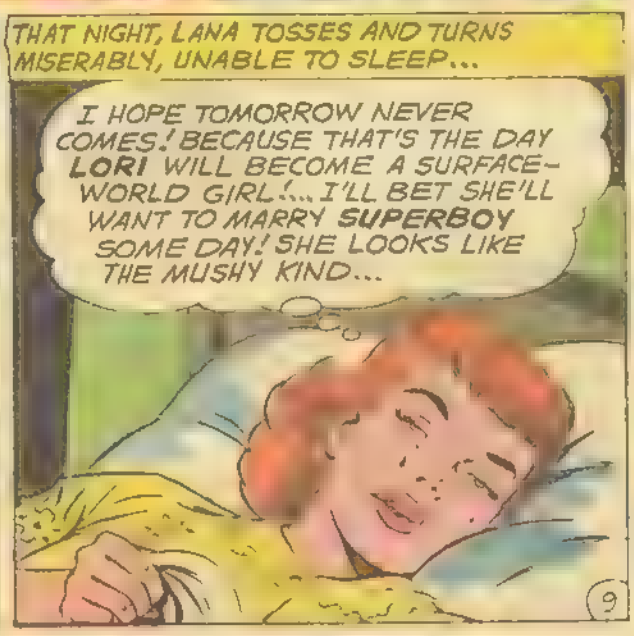

OH, I GET IT! YOU'RE UP TO YOUR OLD SNOOPING TRICKS! DON'T YOU EVER GET TIRED OF TRYING TO DISCOVER MY SECRET IDENTITY, LANA?
I CAME TO GET THESE MINERAL SPECIMENS MY FATHER FORGOT! --SEE! HE'S A SCIENTIST-- REMEMBER!

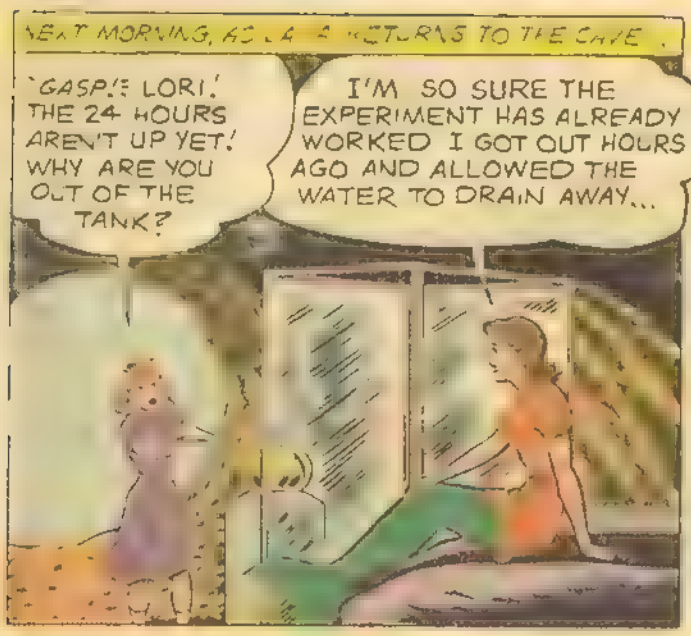

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT IS THIS, SUPERBOY?
IT'S SO STRANGE, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE IT!...THIS GIRL IS LORI, A TELEPATHIC MERMAID FROM THE SUNKEN CONTINENT, ATLANTIS!
NOW THAT I'VE MENTALLY PROBED LANA'S MIND, I KNOW ALL ABOUT HER FRIENDSHIP WITH SUPERBOY!

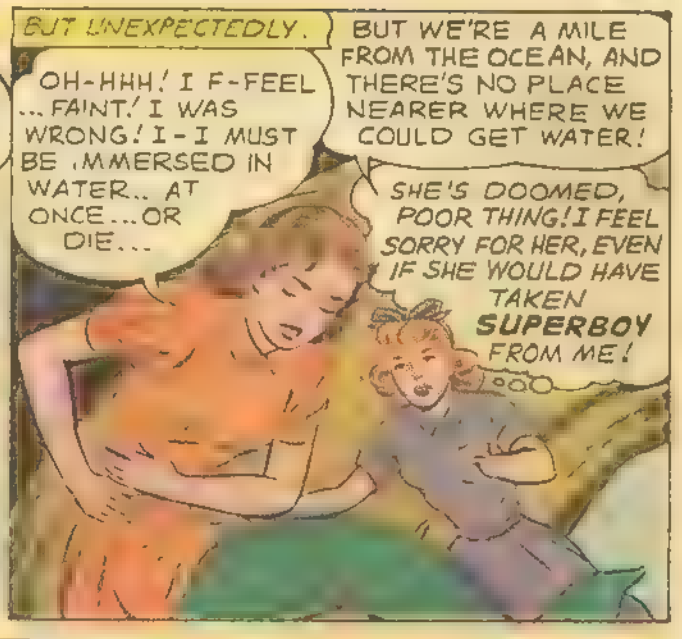

I'M READY TO BEGIN THE EXPERIMENT! IF IT WORKS, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THANKFUL TO ME, LORI!
I CAN GUESS THE RESULT! IF IT WORKS, I'LL NEVER HAVE TO RETURN TO THE SEA! I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE ON LAND NORMALLY!
CHOKE! ...IF IT DOES WORK, SHE WILL BE HIS GIRL-FRIEND. I WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

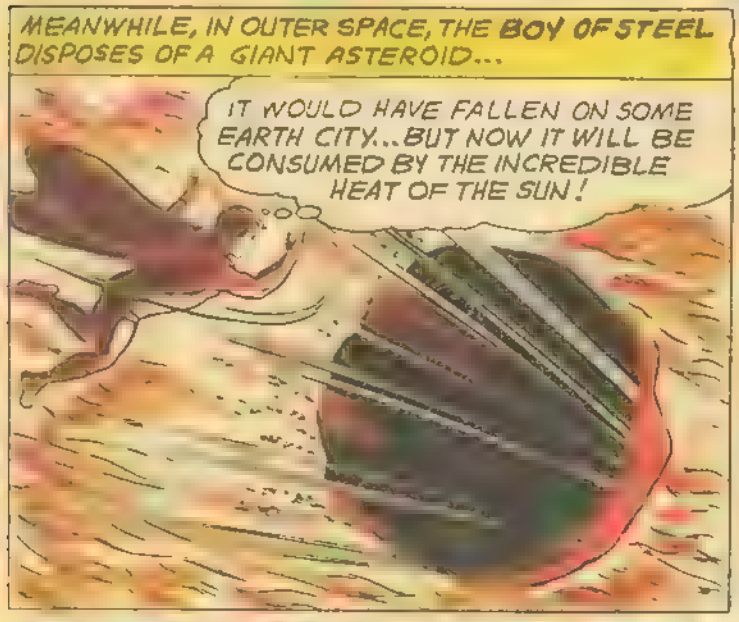

MIGHTILY, SUPERBOY CONCENTRATES, THEN AFTER A WHILE HE DISCONNECTS THE WIRES...
THE DESIRED RESULT WON'T OCCUR FOR 24 HOURS. I MUST LEAVE NOW, ON AN OUTER-SPACE MISSION, BUT I WILL RETURN TOMORROW!
I'M SO HAPPY!

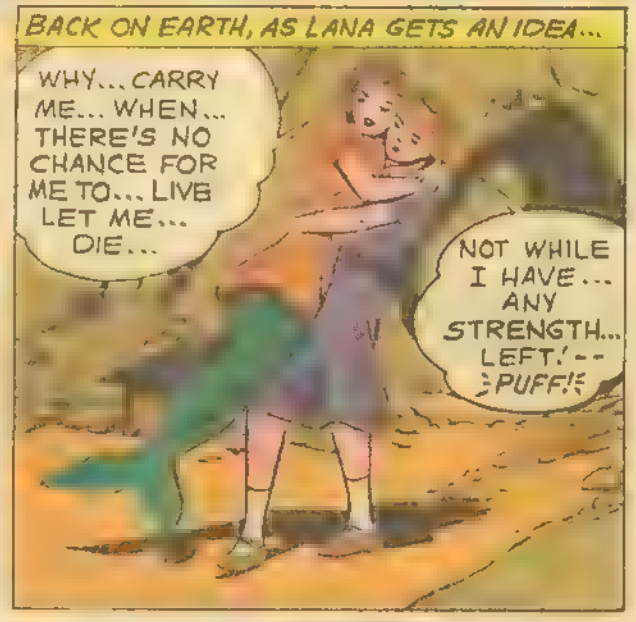

BUT LANA ISN'T HAPPY. I CAN READ HER MIND! SHE JEALOUSLY FEARS THAT SUPERBOY WILL NOW PREFER ME! WELL, I'M SORT OF JEALOUS OF HER FRIENDSHIP WITH SUPERBOY, TOO!
CHOKE! ...GOOD LUCK, LORI...


THAT NIGHT, LANA TOSSES AND TURNS MISERABLY, UNABLE TO SLEEP...
I HOPE TOMORROW NEVER COMES! BECAUSE THAT'S THE DAY LORI WILL BECOME A SURFACE-WORLD GIRL!... I'LL BET SHE'LL WANT TO MARRY SUPERBOY SOME DAY! SHE LOOKS LIKE THE MUSHY KIND...

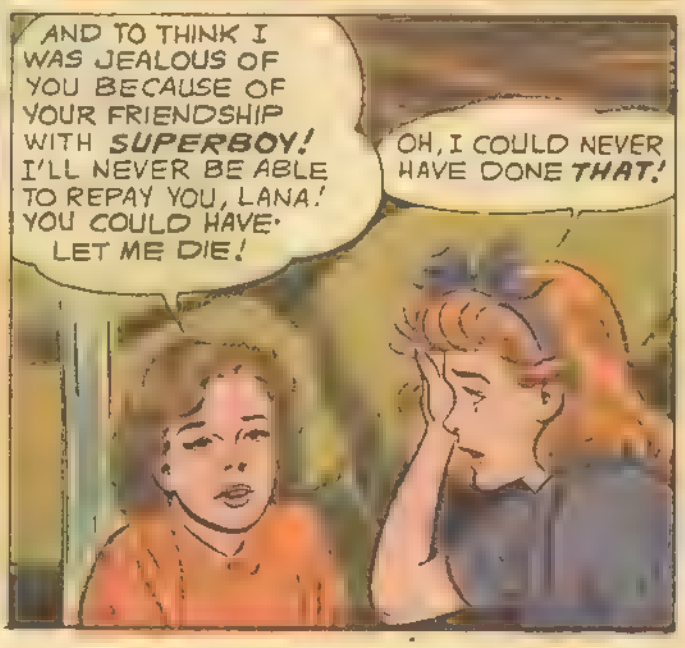

NEXT MORNING, AS LANA RETURNS TO THE CAVE...
GASP! LORI! THE 24 HOURS AREN'T UP YET! WHY ARE YOU OUT OF THE TANK?
I'M SO SURE THE EXPERIMENT HAS ALREADY WORKED I GOT OUT HOURS AGO AND ALLOWED THE WATER TO DRAIN AWAY...

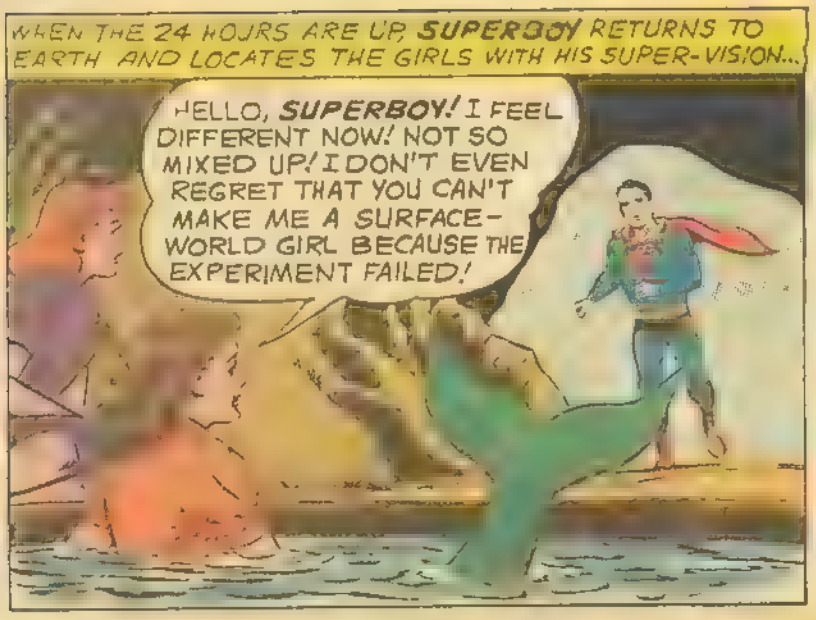

BUT UNEXPECTEDLY.
OH-HHH! I F-FEEL ...FAINT! I WAS WRONG! I-I MUST BE IMMERSED IN WATER.. AT ONCE...OR DIE...
BUT WE'RE A MILE FROM THE OCEAN, AND THERE'S NO PLACE NEARER WHERE WE COULD GET WATER!
SHE'S DOOMED, POOR THING! I FEEL SORRY FOR HER, EVEN IF SHE WOULD HAVE TAKEN SUPERBOY FROM ME!

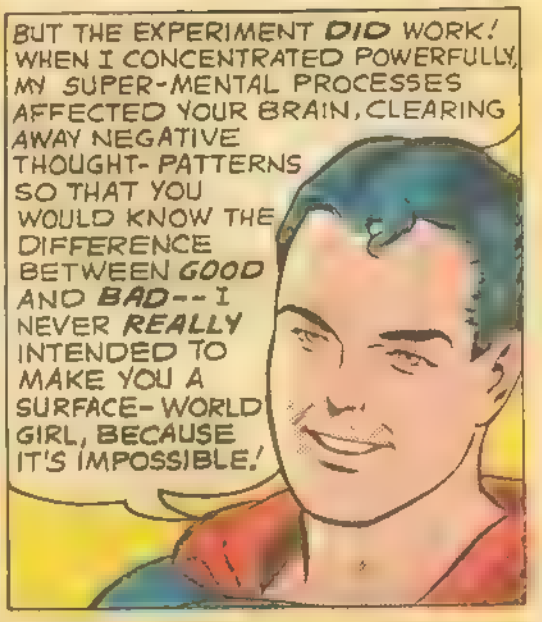

MEANWHILE, IN OUTER SPACE, THE BOY OF STEEL DISPOSES OF A GIANT ASTEROID...
IT WOULD HAVE FALLEN ON SOME EARTH CITY...BUT NOW IT WILL BE CONSUMED BY THE INCREDIBLE HEAT OF THE SUN!

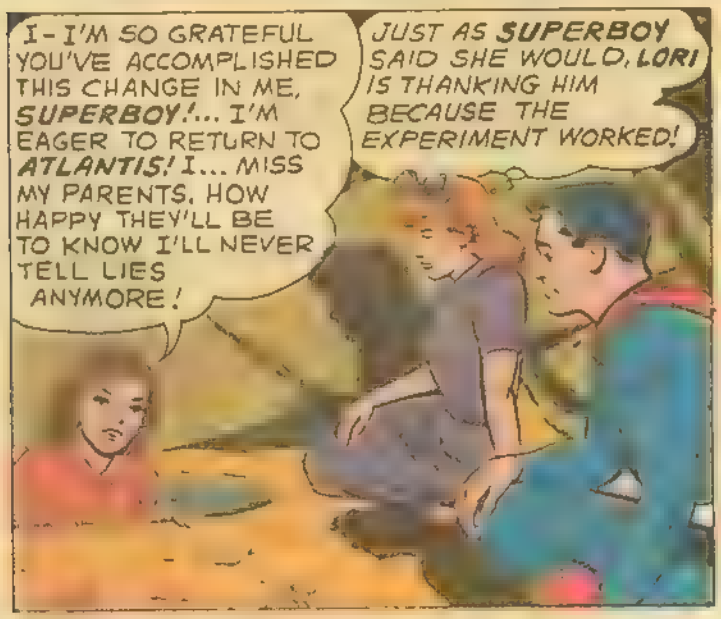

BACK ON EARTH, AS LANA GETS AN IDEA...
WHY...CARRY ME...WHEN... THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ME TO...LIVE LET ME... DIE...
NOT WHILE I HAVE... ANY STRENGTH... LEFT!-- PUFF!

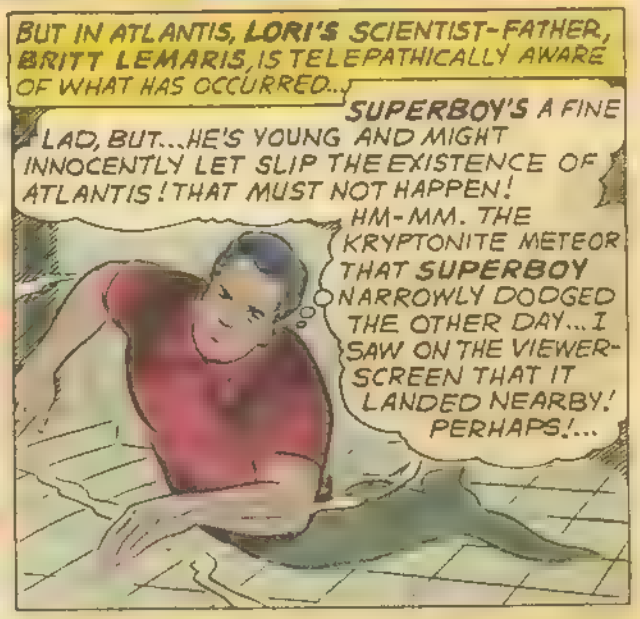
PRESENTLY, IN A NEARBY CAVE...
HOW FORTUNATE FOR ME THAT YOU RECALLED YOUR FATHER HAD MENTIONED THERE WAS A SPRING IN THIS CAVE...
PANT...PANT!

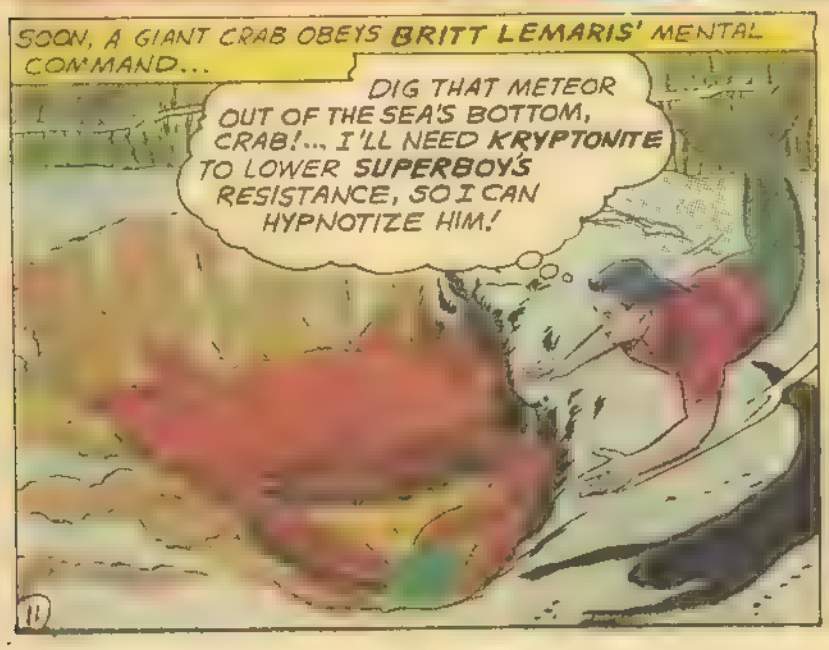

AND TO THINK I WAS JEALOUS OF YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH SUPERBOY! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU, LANA! YOU COULD HAVE LET ME DIE!
OH, I COULD NEVER HAVE DONE THAT!


WHEN THE 24 HOURS ARE UP, SUPERBOY RETURNS TO EARTH AND LOCATES THE GIRLS WITH HIS SUPER-VISION...
HELLO, SUPERBOY! I FEEL DIFFERENT NOW! NOT SO MIXED UP! I DON'T EVEN REGRET THAT YOU CAN'T MAKE ME A SURFACE-WORLD GIRL BECAUSE THE EXPERIMENT FAILED!

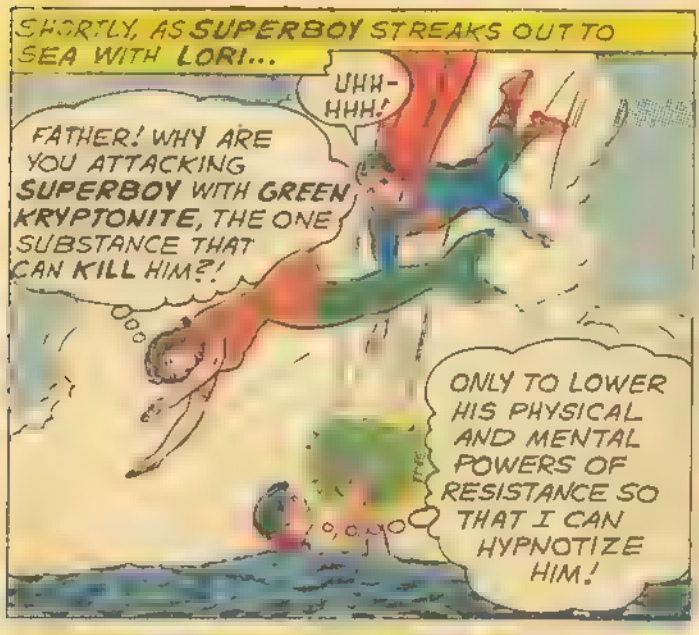

BUT THE EXPERIMENT DID WORK! WHEN I CONCENTRATED POWERFULLY, MY SUPER-MENTAL PROCESSES AFFECTED YOUR BRAIN, CLEARING AWAY NEGATIVE THOUGHT-PATTERNS SO THAT YOU WOULD KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD--I NEVER REALLY INTENDED TO MAKE YOU A SURFACE-WORLD GIRL, BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

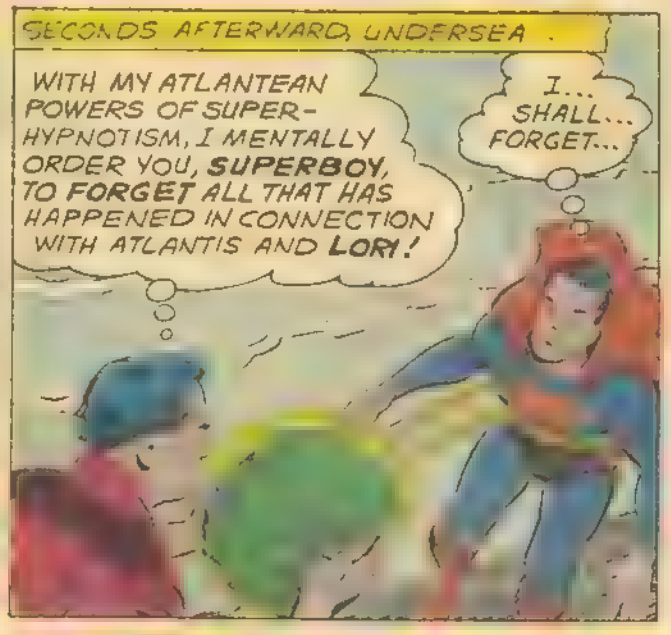

I-I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED THIS CHANGE IN ME, SUPERBOY!... I'M EAGER TO RETURN TO ATLANTIS! I... MISS MY PARENTS. HOW HAPPY THEY'LL BE TO KNOW I'LL NEVER TELL LIES ANYMORE!
JUST AS SUPERBOY SAID SHE WOULD, LORI IS THANKING HIM BECAUSE THE EXPERIMENT WORKED!

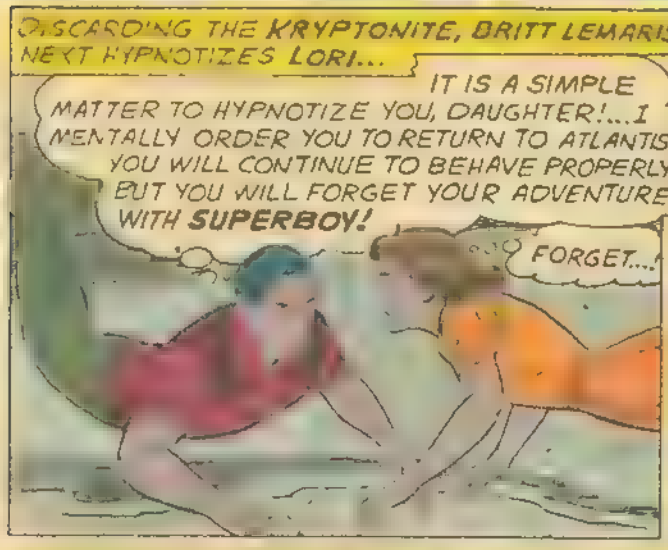

BUT IN ATLANTIS, LORI'S SCIENTIST-FATHER, BRITT LEMARIS, IS TELEPATHICALLY AWARE OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED...
SUPERBOY'S A FINE LAD, BUT...HE'S YOUNG AND MIGHT INNOCENTLY LET SLIP THE EXISTENCE OF ATLANTIS! THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN!
HM-MM. THE KRYPTONITE METEOR THAT SUPERBOY NARROWLY DODGED THE OTHER DAY... I SAW ON THE VIEWER-SCREEN THAT IT LANDED NEARBY! PERHAPS!...

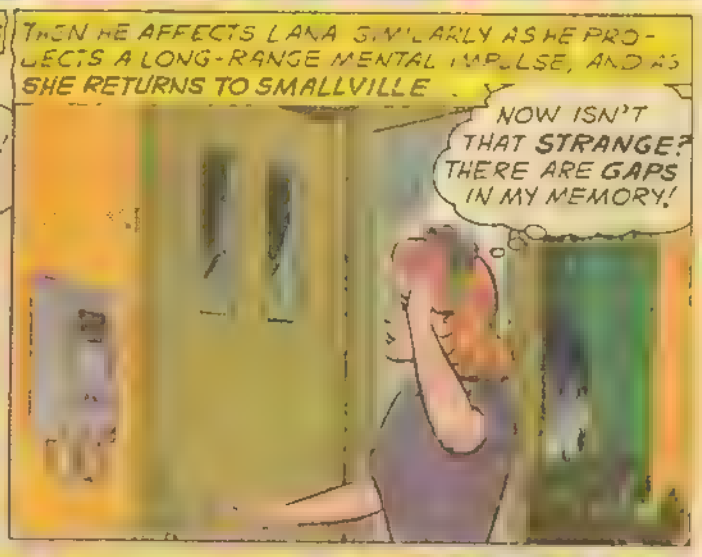

SOON, A GIANT CRAB OBEYS BRITT LEMARIS' MENTAL COMMAND...
DIG THAT METEOR OUT OF THE SEA'S BOTTOM, CRAB!... I'LL NEED KRYPTONITE TO LOWER SUPERBOY'S RESISTANCE, SO I CAN HYPNOTIZE HIM!

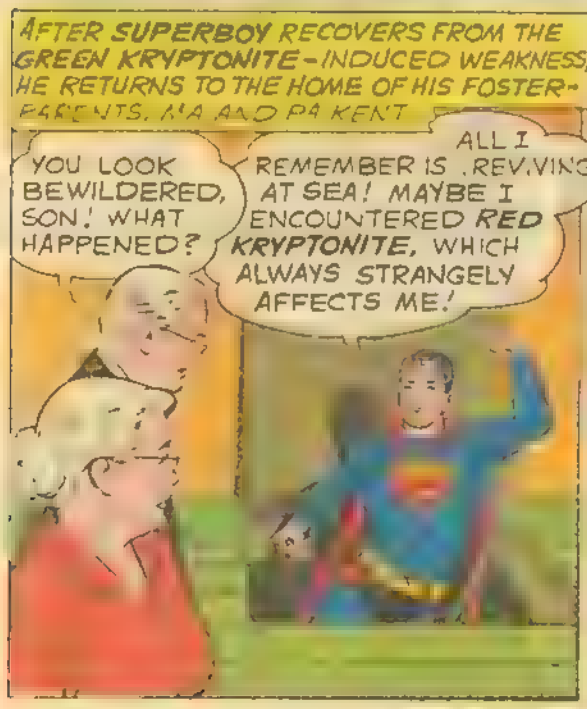
NEXT, LORI'S FATHER SWIMS UP TOWARD THE OCEAN'S SURFACE AS HE USES TELEPATHY TO READ SUPERBOY'S MIND...
SUPERBOY IS ABOUT TO RETURN LORI TO ATLANTIS, NOW! I MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY!

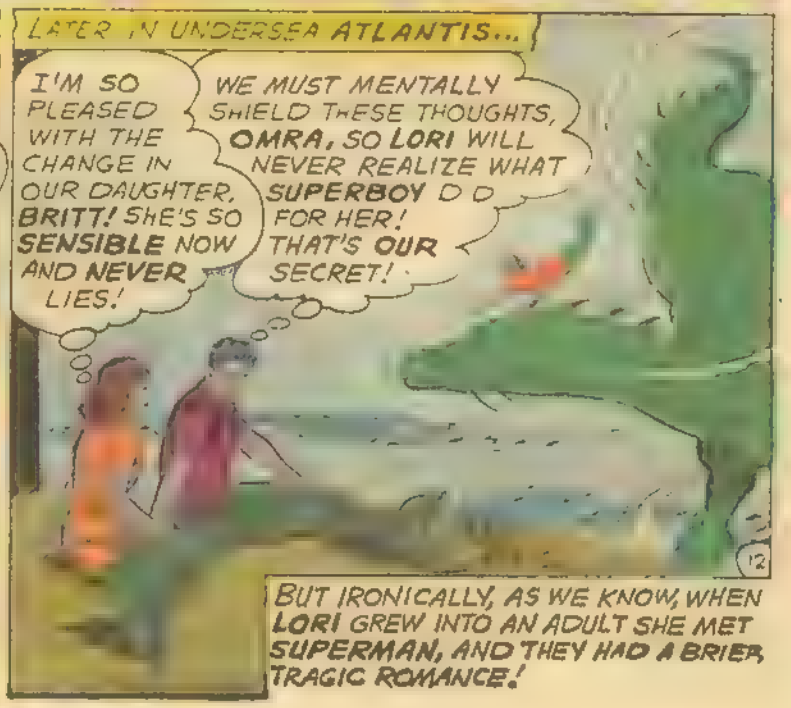












BUT IRONICALLY, AS WE KNOW, WHEN LORI GREW INTO AN ADULT SHE MET SUPERMAN, AND THEY HAD A BRIEF, TRAGIC ROMANCE!

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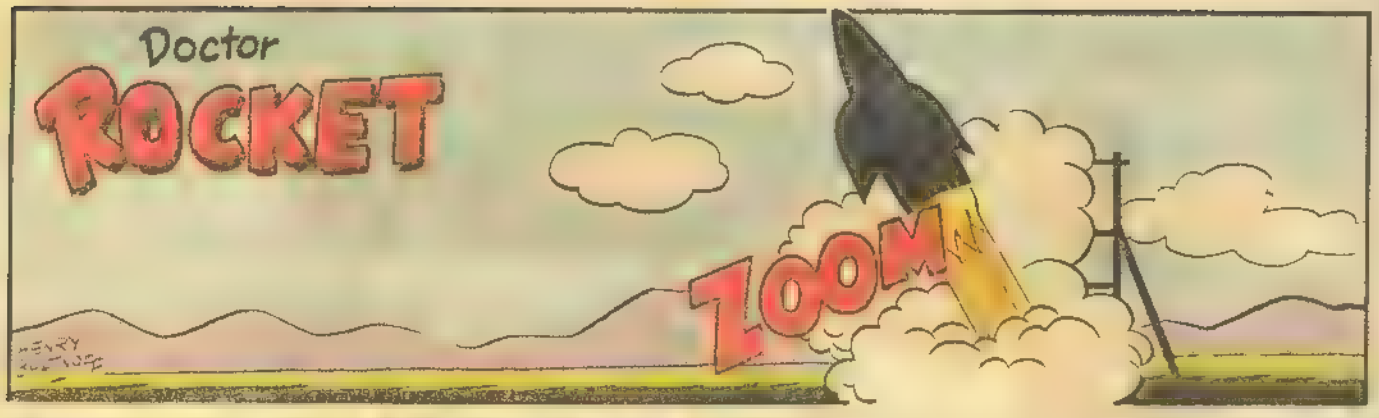

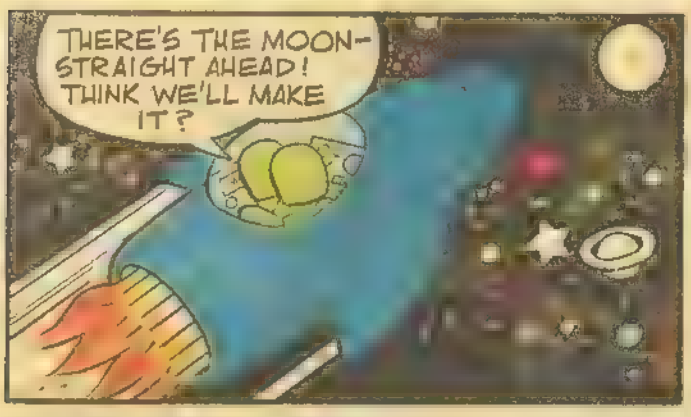

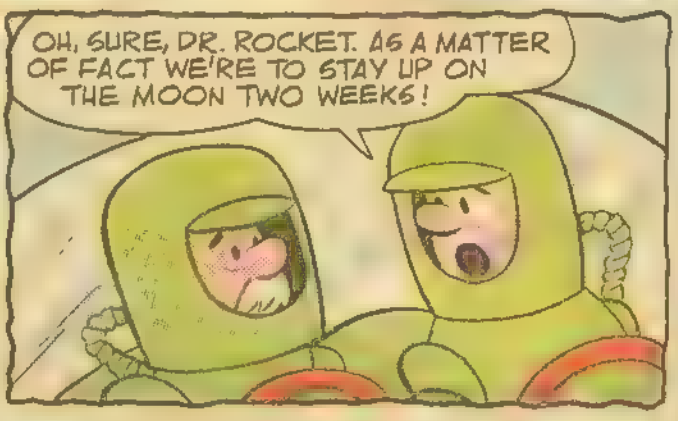

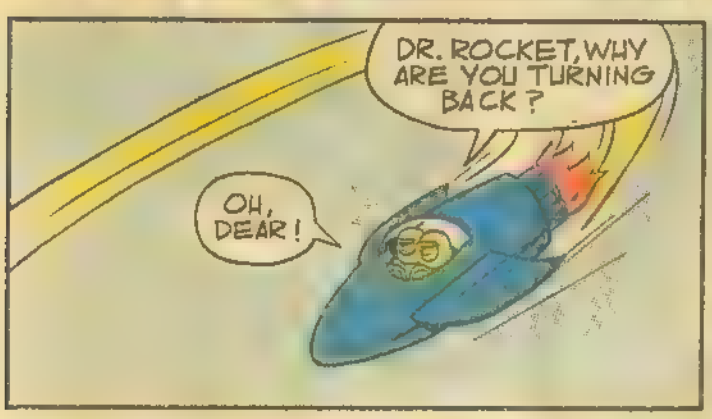

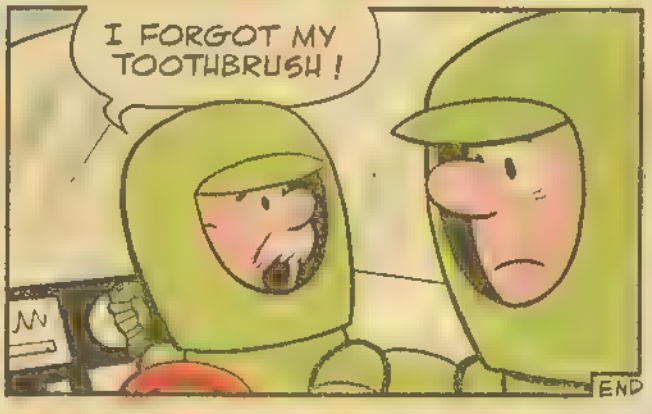

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I TELL YOU THAT APE HAS GONE CRAZY! THAT'S THE SEVENTH COSTUME CONGORILLA'S PUT ON! NOW HE'S DRESSED AS AN INDIAN WARRIOR!

GULP! T-THEY'RE RIGHT! THIS BEHAVIOR NO MAKE SENSE TO JANU, EITHER! CONGORILLA MUST BE MAD TO KEEP CHANGING COSTUMES FOR NO REASON!

IT'S FANTASTIC ENOUGH THAT JUNGLE EXPLORER, CONGO BILL, BY RUBBING HIS MAGIC GORILLA RING, ASSUMES THE IDENTITY OF CONGORILLA, THE AMAZING MAN-APE! BUT ONE DAY CONGORILLA MAKES EVEN THE FANTASTIC LOOK ORDINARY WHEN HE MYSTERIOUSLY TAKES ON SEVEN NEW IDENTITIES! WHY DOES HE DO SO? WE DEFY YOU TO GUESS THE REASON FOR...

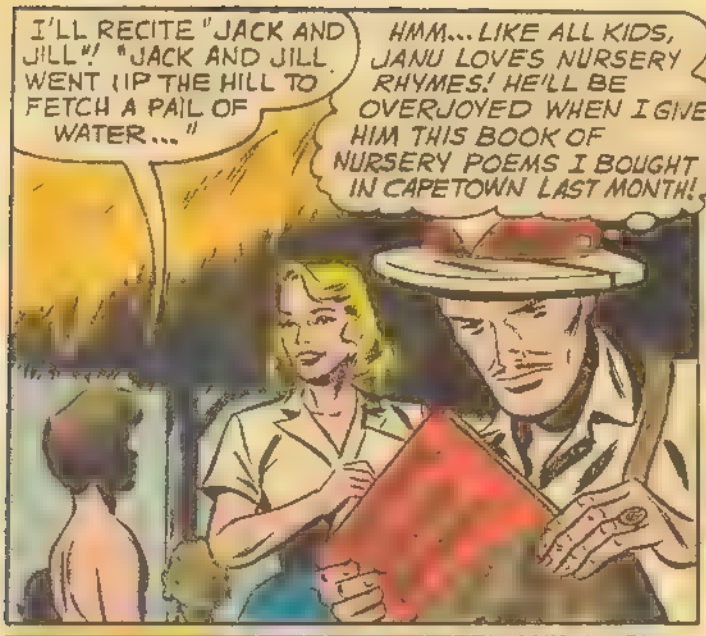
the SEVEN FACES of CONGORILLA!

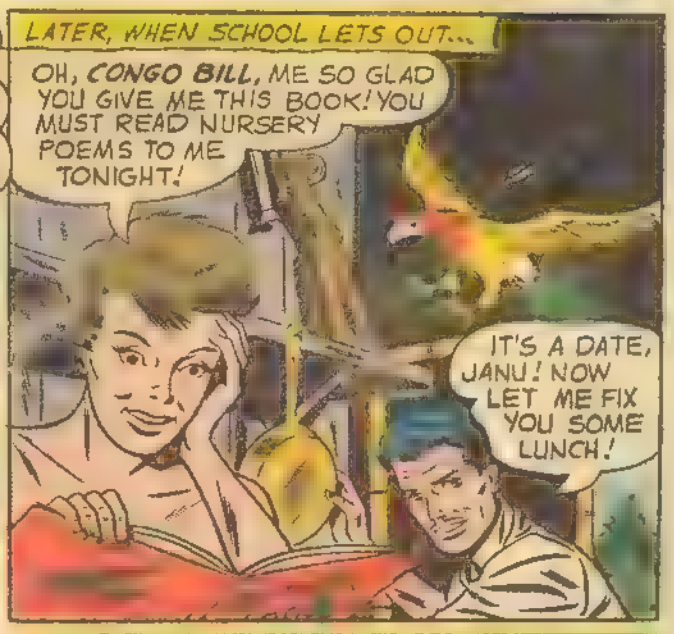
ONE MORNING, AT A JUNGLE VILLAGE "SCHOOLHOUSE," AS JANU, YOUNG PAL OF FAMED EXPLORER, CONGO BILL, GETS AN ENGLISH LESSON...

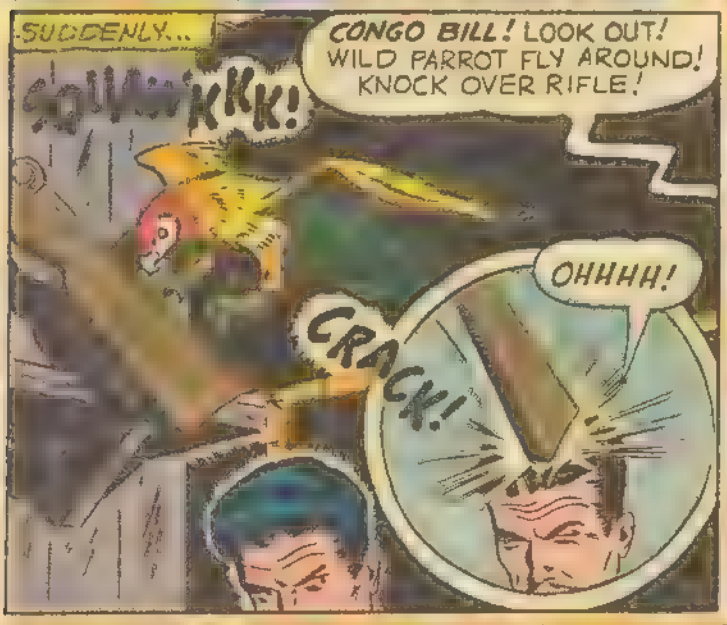
TODAY, CHILDREN, WE WILL LEARN SOME RHYMES FROM MOTHER GOOSE, OF THE TYPE POPULAR IN AMERICA!

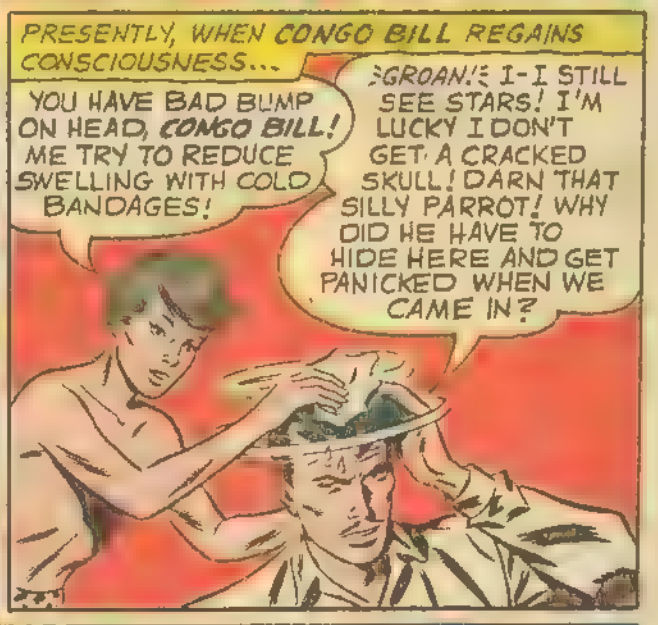
ME KNOW SOME MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES, TEACHER! "BAA-BAA, BLACK SHEEP!" "SIMPLE SIMON MET A PIE-MAN!" "HICKORY-DICKORY-DOCK! THE MOUSE RAN UP THE CLOCK!"

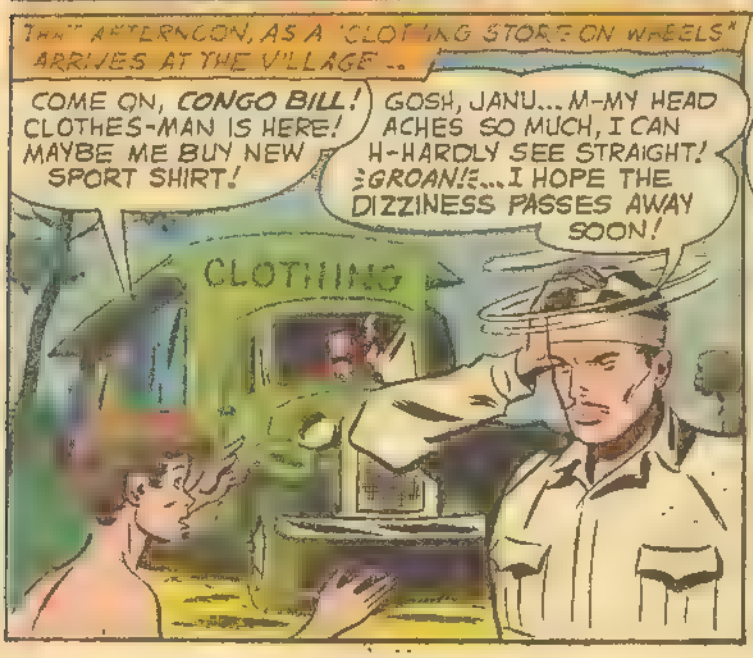
VERY GOOD JANU! RECITE ONE FOR US, PLEASE!

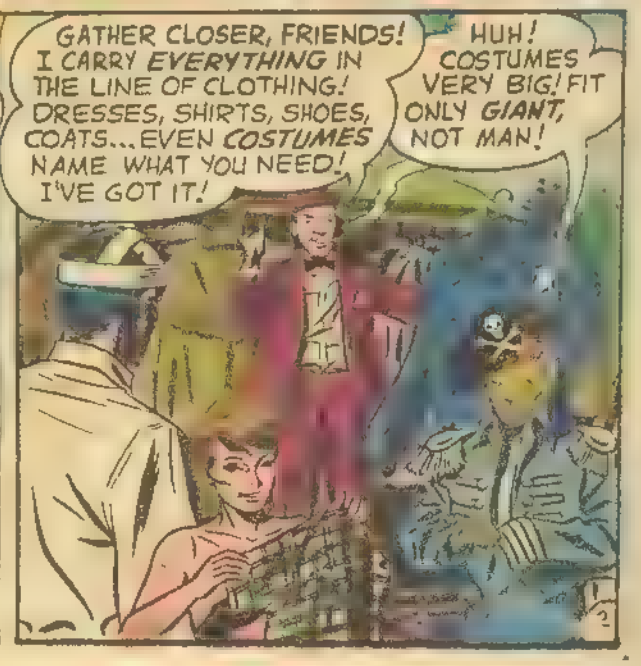

I'LL RECITE "JACK AND JILL"! "JACK AND JILL WENT UP THE HILL TO FETCH A PAIL OF WATER..."
HMM... LIKE ALL KIDS, JANU LOVES NURSERY RHYMES! HE'LL BE OVERJOYED WHEN I GIVE HIM THIS BOOK OF NURSERY POEMS I BOUGHT IN CAPETOWN LAST MONTH!

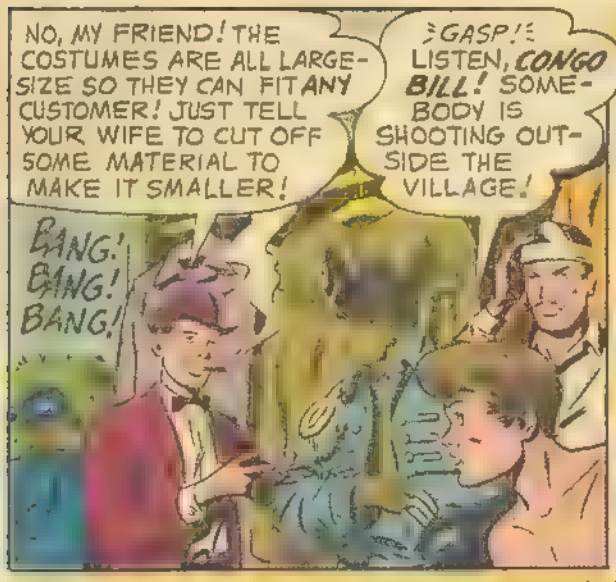

LATER, WHEN SCHOOL LETS OUT...
OH, CONGO BILL, ME SO GLAD YOU GIVE ME THIS BOOK! YOU MUST READ NURSERY POEMS TO ME TONIGHT!
IT'S A DATE, JANU! NOW LET ME FIX YOU SOME LUNCH!

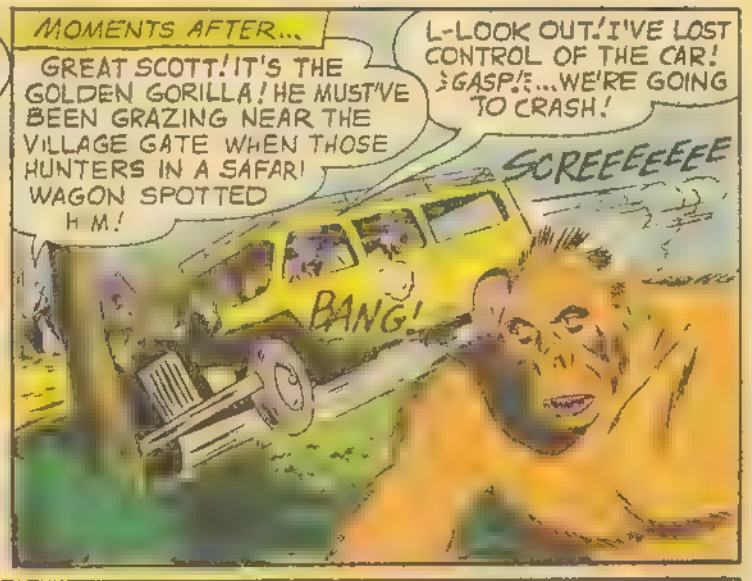

SUDDENLY...
CONGO BILL! LOOK OUT! WILD PARROT FLY AROUND! KNOCK OVER RIFLE!
SQUAWKKK!
OHHHH!
CRACK!

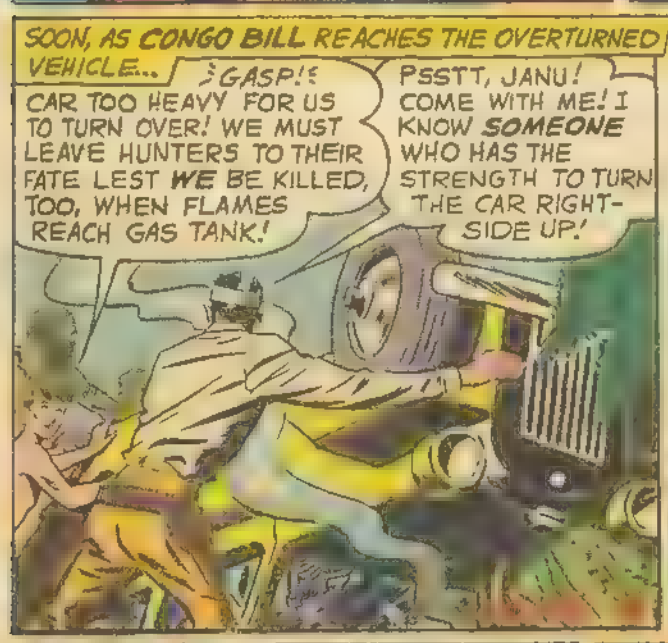

PRESENTLY, WHEN CONGO BILL REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
YOU HAVE BAD BUMP ON HEAD, CONGO BILL! ME TRY TO REDUCE SWELLING WITH COLD BANDAGES!
GROAN! I-I STILL SEE STARS! I'M LUCKY I DON'T GET A CRACKED SKULL! DARN THAT SILLY PARROT! WHY DID HE HAVE TO HIDE HERE AND GET PANICKED WHEN WE CAME IN?

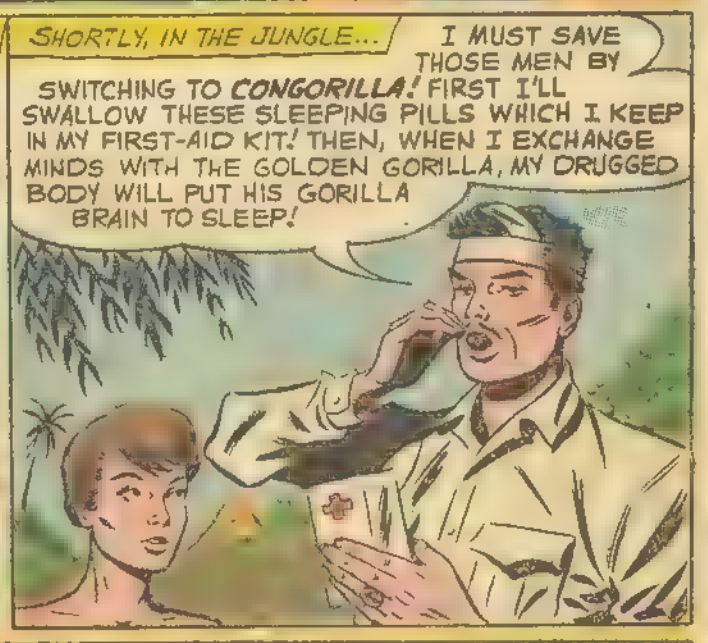

THAT AFTERNOON, AS A "CLOTHING STORE ON WHEELS" ARRIVES AT THE VILLAGE...
COME ON, CONGO BILL! CLOTHES-MAN IS HERE! MAYBE ME BUY NEW SPORT SHIRT!
GOSH, JANU... M-MY HEAD ACHES SO MUCH, I CAN H-HARDLY SEE STRAIGHT! GROAN!... I HOPE THE DIZZINESS PASSES AWAY SOON!
CLOTHING

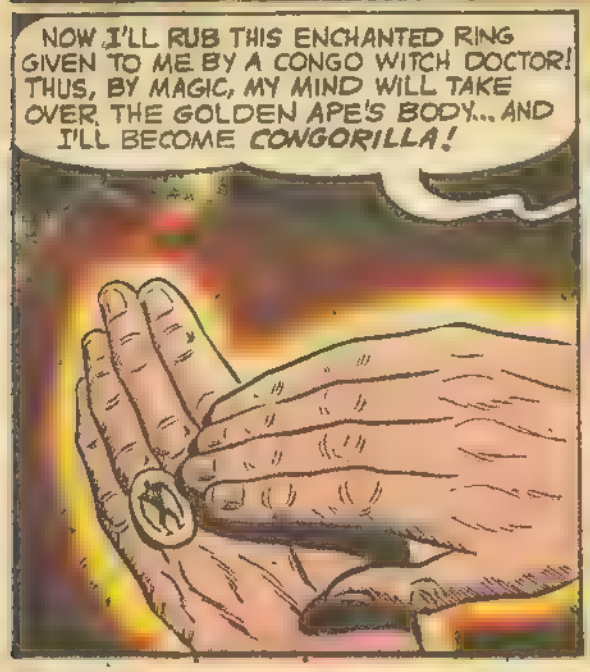

GATHER CLOSER, FRIENDS! I CARRY EVERYTHING IN THE LINE OF CLOTHING! DRESSES, SHIRTS, SHOES, COATS... EVEN COSTUMES NAME WHAT YOU NEED! I'VE GOT IT!
HUH! COSTUMES VERY BIG! FIT ONLY GIANT, NOT MAN!


NO, MY FRIEND! THE COSTUMES ARE ALL LARGE-SIZE SO THEY CAN FIT ANY CUSTOMER! JUST TELL YOUR WIFE TO CUT OFF SOME MATERIAL TO MAKE IT SMALLER!
GASP! LISTEN, CONGO BILL! SOMEBODY IS SHOOTING OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE!
BANG! BANG! BANG!

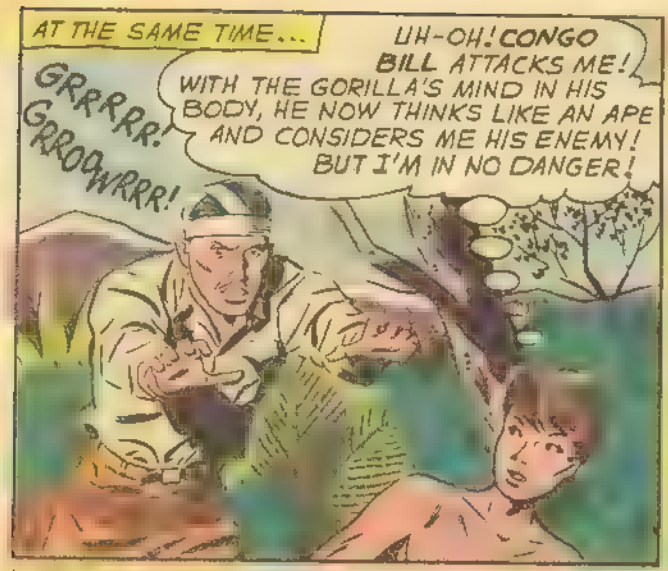

MOMENTS AFTER...
GREAT SCOTT! IT'S THE GOLDEN GORILLA! HE MUST'VE BEEN GRAZING NEAR THE VILLAGE GATE WHEN THOSE HUNTERS IN A SAFARI WAGON SPOTTED H M!
L-LOOK OUT! I'VE LOST CONTROL OF THE CAR! GASP!...WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
SCREEEEEEE
BANG!

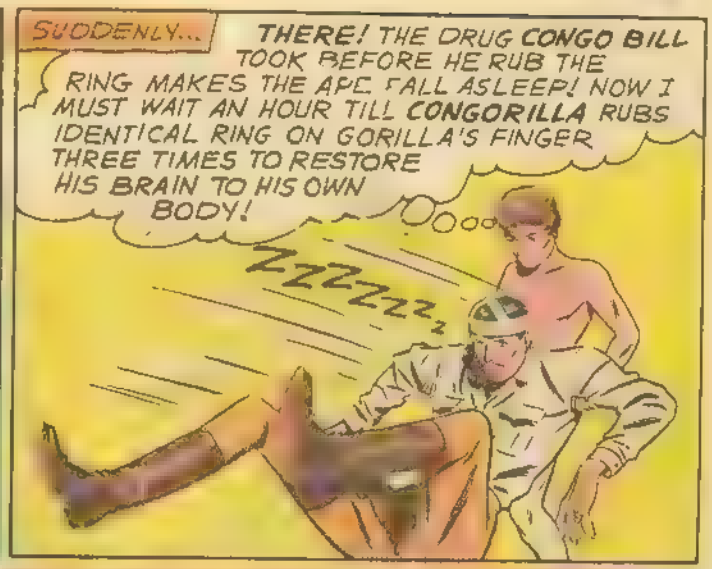

SOON, AS CONGO BILL REACHES THE OVERTURNED VEHICLE...
GASP! CAR TOO HEAVY FOR US TO TURN OVER! WE MUST LEAVE HUNTERS TO THEIR FATE LEST WE BE KILLED, TOO, WHEN FLAMES REACH GAS TANK!
PSSTT, JANU! COME WITH ME! I KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS THE STRENGTH TO TURN THE CAR RIGHT-SIDE UP!

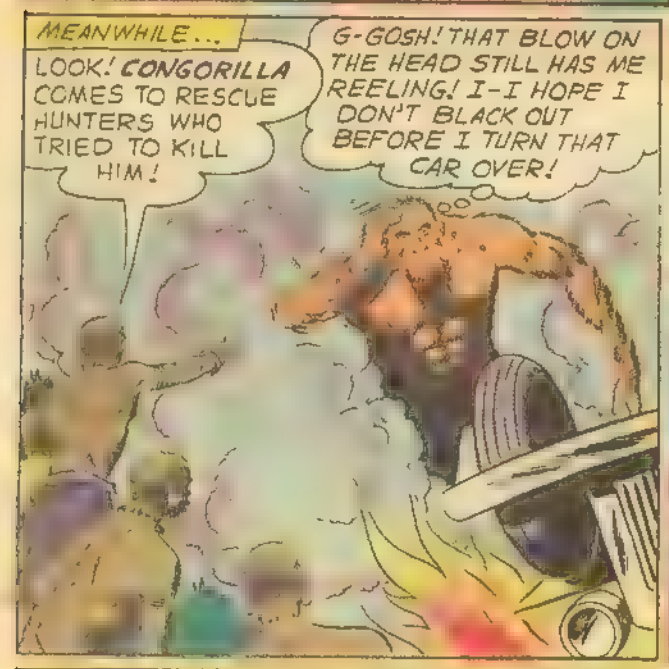

SHORTLY, IN THE JUNGLE...
I MUST SAVE THOSE MEN BY SWITCHING TO CONGORILLA! FIRST I'LL SWALLOW THESE SLEEPING PILLS WHICH I KEEP IN MY FIRST-AID KIT! THEN, WHEN I EXCHANGE MINDS WITH THE GOLDEN GORILLA, MY DRUGGED BODY WILL PUT HIS GORILLA BRAIN TO SLEEP!


NOW I'LL RUB THIS ENCHANTED RING GIVEN TO ME BY A CONGO WITCH DOCTOR! THUS, BY MAGIC, MY MIND WILL TAKE OVER THE GOLDEN APE'S BODY... AND I'LL BECOME CONGORILLA!

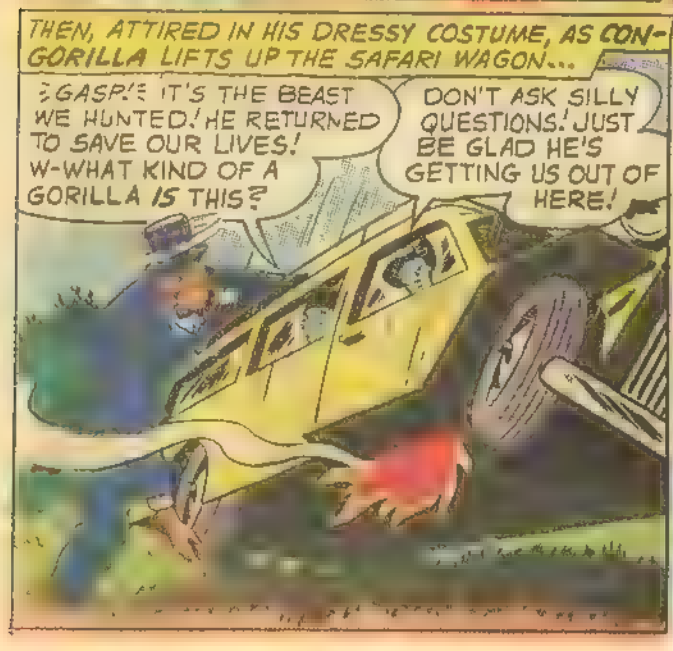
NEXT, AS CONGO BILL ASSUMES HIS ANIMAL IDENTITY AS CONGORILLA...
HMM...NOW I'M IN CONTROL OF THE BEAST'S BRUTE STRENGTH! LUCKILY, THE APE DIDN'T WANDER TOO FAR FROM THE VILLAGE... BECAUSE I MUST REACH THAT CAR BEFORE THE FLAMES EXPLODE THE GAS TANK!

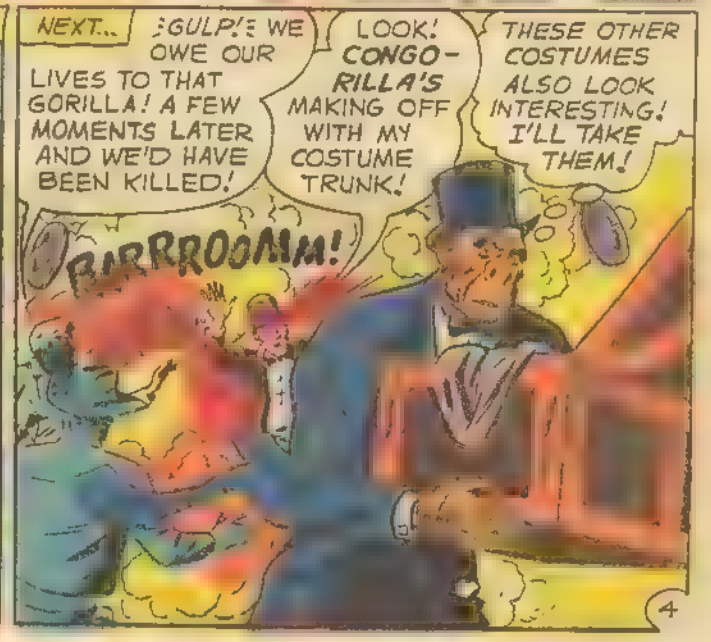

AT THE SAME TIME...
UH-OH! CONGO BILL ATTACKS ME! WITH THE GORILLA'S MIND IN HIS BODY, HE NOW THINKS LIKE AN APE AND CONSIDERS ME HIS ENEMY! BUT I'M IN NO DANGER!
GRRRRR!
GRROWRRR!

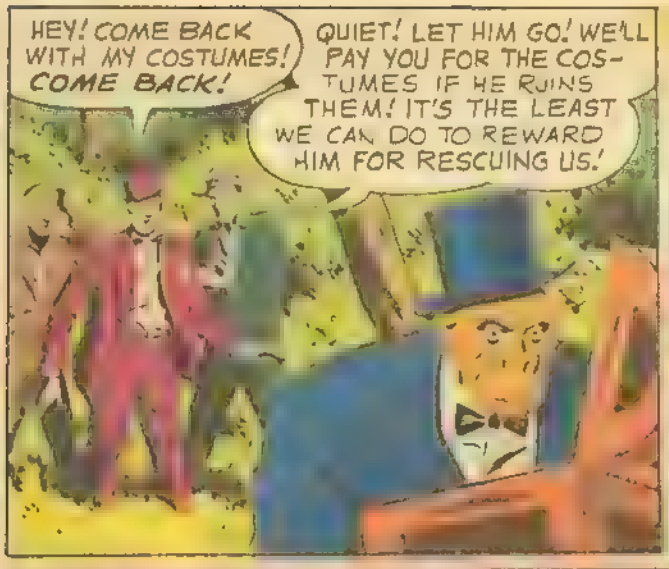

SUDDENLY...
THERE! THE DRUG CONGO BILL TOOK BEFORE HE RUB THE RING MAKES THE APE FALL ASLEEP! NOW I MUST WAIT AN HOUR TILL CONGORILLA RUBS IDENTICAL RING ON GORILLA'S FINGER THREE TIMES TO RESTORE HIS BRAIN TO HIS OWN BODY!
ZZZZZZZ

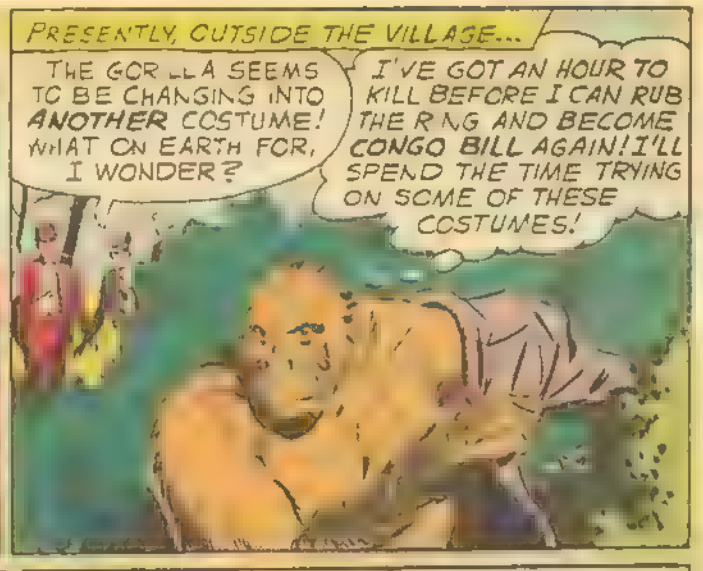

MEANWHILE...
LOOK! CONGORILLA COMES TO RESCUE HUNTERS WHO TRIED TO KILL HIM!
G-GOSH! THAT BLOW ON THE HEAD STILL HAS ME REELING! I-I HOPE I DON'T BLACK OUT BEFORE I TURN THAT CAR OVER!

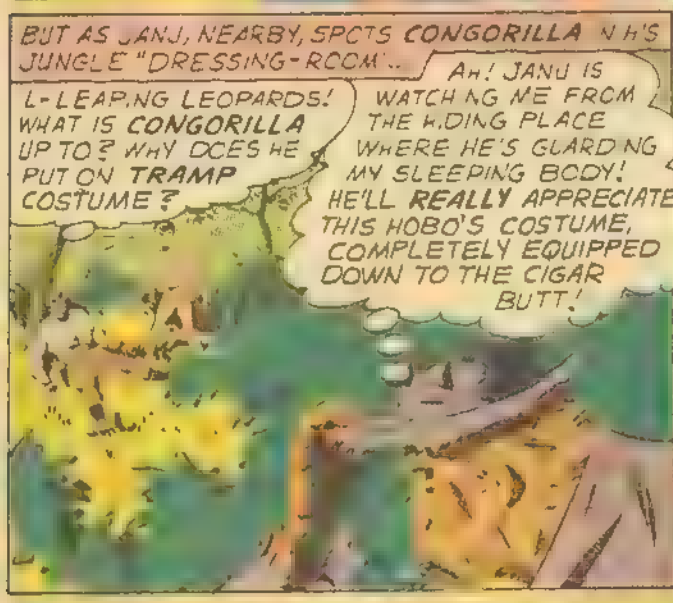
BUT SUDDENLY, INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE CAR, CONGORILLA HEADS FOR THE TRUCK!
HEY! HE'S PUTTING ON ONE OF MY COSTUMES! HE'S GETTING DRESSED IN A TOP HAT, TAILS AND CANE!
ME NO UNDERSTAND! CONGORILLA NEVER ACT LIKE THIS BEFORE! MAYBE HE GOES CRAZY!

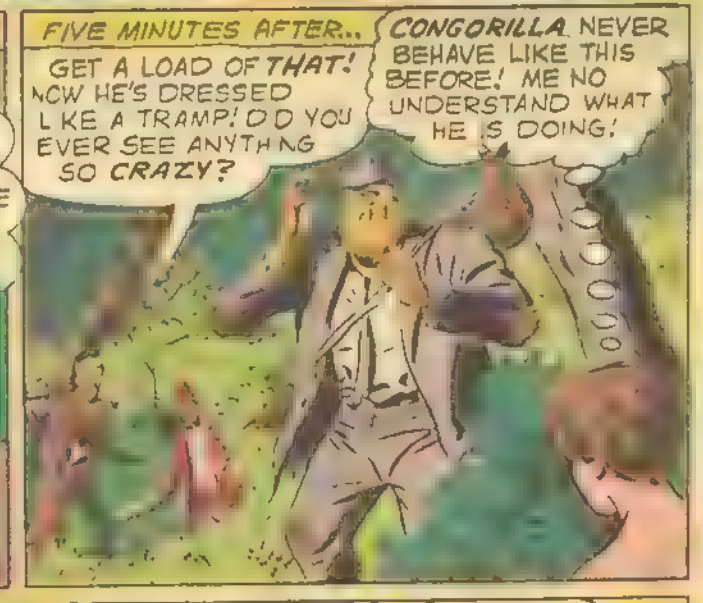

THEN, ATTIRED IN HIS DRESSY COSTUME, AS CONGORILLA LIFTS UP THE SAFARI WAGON...
GASP! IT'S THE BEAST WE HUNTED! HE RETURNED TO SAVE OUR LIVES! W-WHAT KIND OF A GORILLA IS THIS?
DON'T ASK SILLY QUESTIONS! JUST BE GLAD HE'S GETTING US OUT OF HERE!

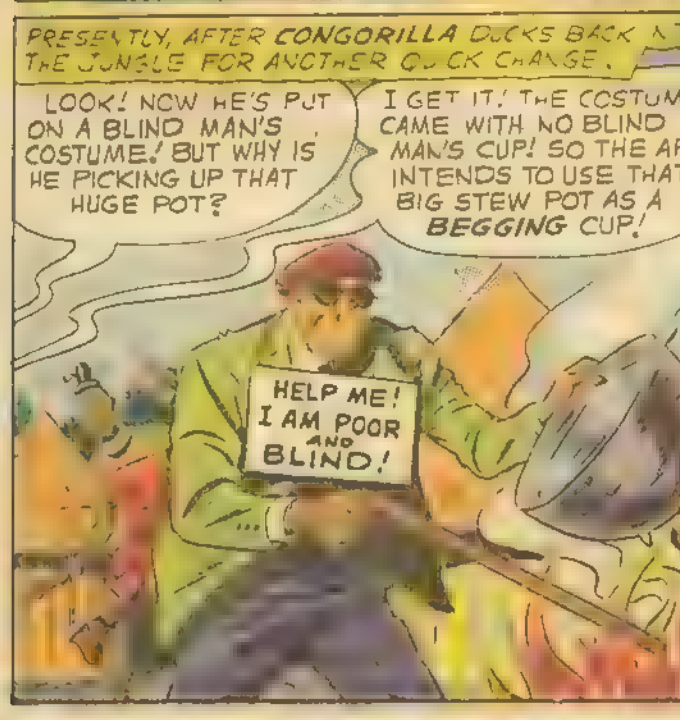

NEXT...
GULP! WE OWE OUR LIVES TO THAT GORILLA! A FEW MOMENTS LATER AND WE'D HAVE BEEN KILLED!
LOOK! CONGORILLA'S MAKING OFF WITH MY COSTUME TRUNK!
THESE OTHER COSTUMES ALSO LOOK INTERESTING! I'LL TAKE THEM!
BURRROOMM!

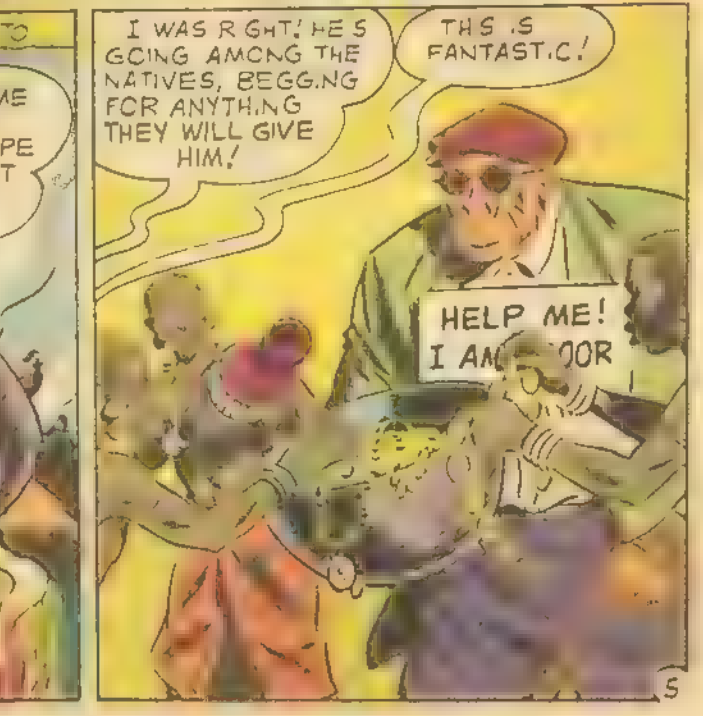

HEY! COME BACK WITH MY COSTUMES! COME BACK!
QUIET! LET HIM GO! WE'LL PAY YOU FOR THE COSTUMES IF HE RUINS THEM! IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO TO REWARD HIM FOR RESCUING US!

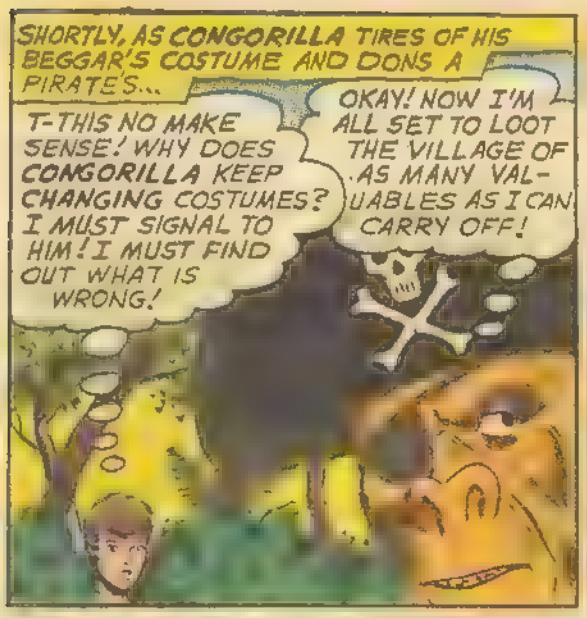

PRESENTLY, OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE...
THE GORILLA SEEMS TO BE CHANGING INTO ANOTHER COSTUME! WHAT ON EARTH FOR, I WONDER?
I'VE GOT AN HOUR TO KILL BEFORE I CAN RUB THE RING AND BECOME CONGO BILL AGAIN! I'LL SPEND THE TIME TRYING ON SOME OF THESE COSTUMES!

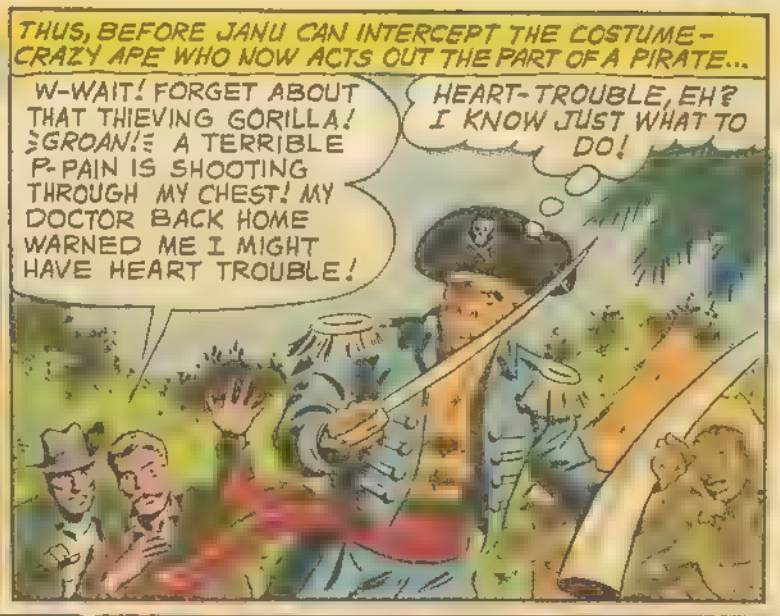

BUT AS JANU, NEARBY, SPOTS CONGORILLA IN HIS JUNGLE "DRESSING-ROOM"...
L-LEAPING LEOPARDS! WHAT IS CONGORILLA UP TO? WHY DOES HE PUT ON TRAMP COSTUME?
AH! JANU IS WATCHING ME FROM THE HIDING PLACE WHERE HE'S GUARDING MY SLEEPING BODY! HE'LL REALLY APPRECIATE THIS HOBO'S COSTUME, COMPLETELY EQUIPPED DOWN TO THE CIGAR BUTT!

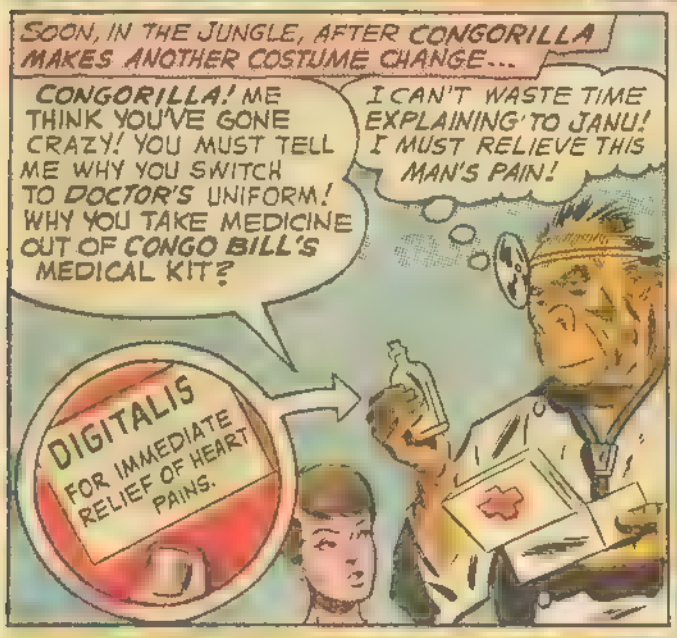

FIVE MINUTES AFTER...
GET A LOAD OF THAT! NOW HE'S DRESSED LIKE A TRAMP! DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING SO CRAZY?
CONGORILLA NEVER BEHAVE LIKE THIS BEFORE! ME NO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS DOING!

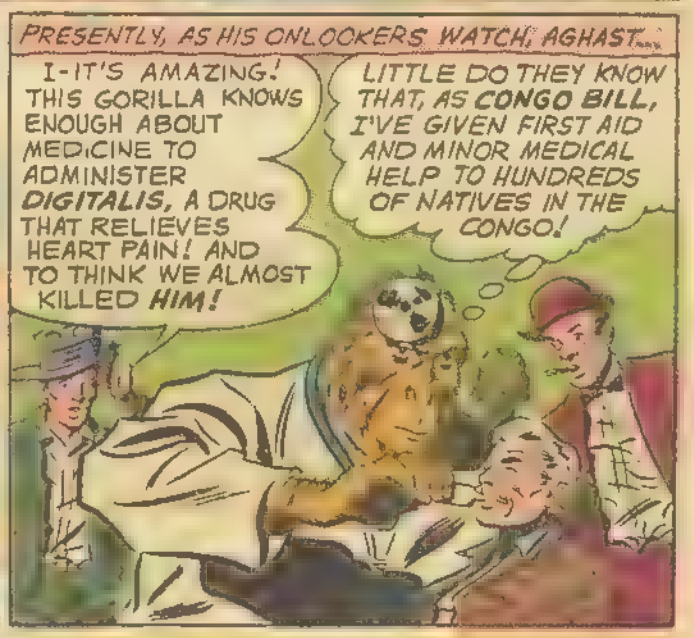

PRESENTLY, AFTER CONGORILLA DUCKS BACK INTO THE JUNGLE FOR ANOTHER QUICK CHANGE.
LOOK! NOW HE'S PUT ON A BLIND MAN'S COSTUME! BUT WHY IS HE PICKING UP THAT HUGE POT?
I GET IT! THE COSTUME CAME WITH NO BLIND MAN'S CUP! SO THE APE INTENDS TO USE THAT BIG STEW POT AS A BEGGING CUP!
HELP ME! I AM POOR AND BLIND!

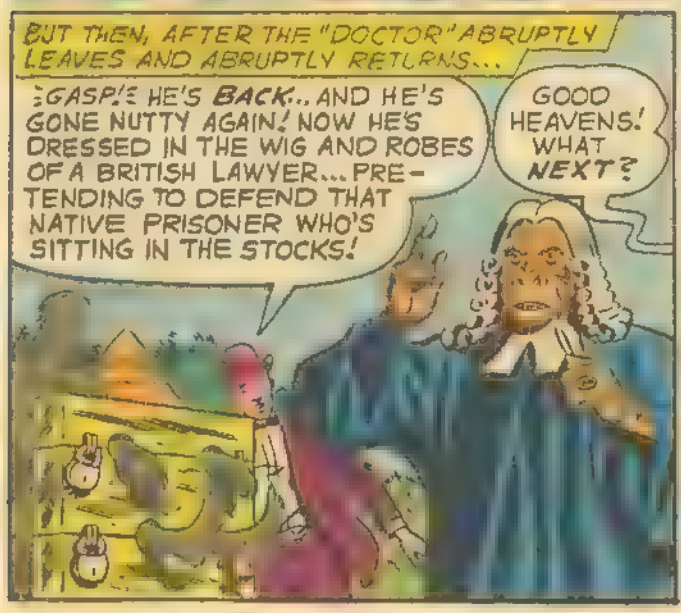

I WAS RIGHT! HE'S GOING AMONG THE NATIVES, BEGGING FOR ANYTHING THEY WILL GIVE HIM!
THIS IS FANTASTIC!
HELP ME! I AM POOR

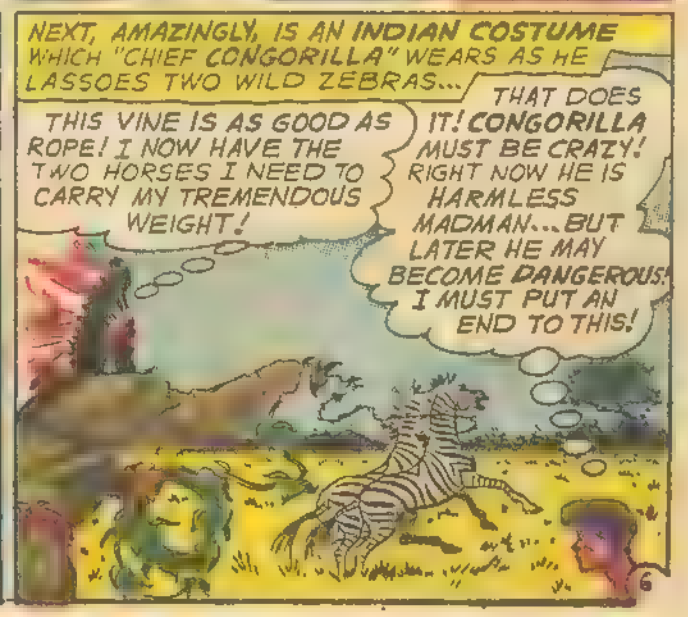

SHORTLY, AS CONGORILLA TIRES OF HIS BEGGAR'S COSTUME AND DONS A PIRATE'S...
T-THIS NO MAKE SENSE! WHY DOES CONGORILLA KEEP CHANGING COSTUMES? I MUST SIGNAL TO HIM! I MUST FIND OUT WHAT IS WRONG!
OKAY! NOW I'M ALL SET TO LOOT THE VILLAGE OF AS MANY VALUABLES AS I CAN CARRY OFF!


THUS, BEFORE JANU CAN INTERCEPT THE COSTUME-CRAZY APE WHO NOW ACTS OUT THE PART OF A PIRATE...
W-WAIT! FORGET ABOUT THAT THIEVING GORILLA! GROAN! A TERRIBLE P-PAIN IS SHOOTING THROUGH MY CHEST! MY DOCTOR BACK HOME WARNED ME I MIGHT HAVE HEART TROUBLE!
HEART-TROUBLE, EH? I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO!


SOON, IN THE JUNGLE, AFTER CONGORILLA MAKES ANOTHER COSTUME CHANGE...
CONGORILLA! ME THINK YOU'VE GONE CRAZY! YOU MUST TELL ME WHY YOU SWITCH TO DOCTOR'S UNIFORM! WHY YOU TAKE MEDICINE OUT OF CONGO BILL'S MEDICAL KIT?
I CAN'T WASTE TIME EXPLAINING TO JANU! I MUST RELIEVE THIS MAN'S PAIN!
DIGITALIS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF HEART PAINS.


PRESENTLY, AS HIS ONLOOKERS WATCH, AGHAST...
I-IT'S AMAZING! THIS GORILLA KNOWS ENOUGH ABOUT MEDICINE TO ADMINISTER DIGITALIS, A DRUG THAT RELIEVES HEART PAIN! AND TO THINK WE ALMOST KILLED HIM!
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT, AS CONGO BILL, I'VE GIVEN FIRST AID AND MINOR MEDICAL HELP TO HUNDREDS OF NATIVES IN THE CONGO!


BUT THEN, AFTER THE "DOCTOR" ABRUPTLY LEAVES AND ABRUPTLY RETURNS...
GASP! HE'S BACK... AND HE'S GONE NUTTY AGAIN! NOW HE'S DRESSED IN THE WIG AND ROBES OF A BRITISH LAWYER... PRETENDING TO DEFEND THAT NATIVE PRISONER WHO'S SITTING IN THE STOCKS!
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT NEXT?


NEXT, AMAZINGLY, IS AN INDIAN COSTUME WHICH "CHIEF CONGORILLA" WEARS AS HE LASSOES TWO WILD ZEBRAS...
THIS VINE IS AS GOOD AS ROPE! I NOW HAVE THE TWO HORSES I NEED TO CARRY MY TREMENDOUS WEIGHT!
THAT DOES IT! CONGORILLA MUST BE CRAZY! RIGHT NOW HE IS HARMLESS MADMAN... BUT LATER HE MAY BECOME DANGEROUS! I MUST PUT AN END TO THIS!

THUS, AS "CHIEF CONGORILLA" RIDES PAST...
IT'S JANU! H-HE AMBUSHED ME! HE'S REACHING FOR MY GORILLA RING TO RUB IT!
MORE THAN AN HOUR HAS ALREADY PASSED! WHEN I RUB CONGORILLA'S RING THREE TIMES, HIS BRAIN WILL RETURN TO CONGO BILL'S BODY AND VICE VERSA!
MOMENTS AFTER RUBBING THE RING...
LOOK! THE GORILLA'S TEARING OFF THAT INDIAN COSTUME! ALAS! HIS INTELLIGENCE WAS TOO GOOD TO LAST! HE'S BECOME A DUMB APE AGAIN!
I'D BETTER GO BACK TO CONGO BILL! HE MUST BE WAKING UP!
GRRRRR
SHORTLY, AS THE FAMED HUNTER OPENS A SLEEPY EYE..
OHHH! M-MY HEAD! GROAN! JANU...TELL ME...THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS YOU JUMPING ME FROM BEHIND! WHY DID YOU WANT TO RUB MY GORILLA RING?
ME ASK THE QUESTIONS! AND YOU BETTER HAVE THE ANSWERS!
WHY YOU KEEP CHANGING COSTUMES? WHY YOU DRESS UP AS BANKER, HOBO, BEGGAR, PIRATE, SURGEON, LAWYER AND INDIAN CHIEF?
GASP! BANKER? HOBO? BEGGAR? PIRATE?... HOLY SMOKES, JANU! DON'T YOU SEE? I WAS ACTING OUT SOMETHING ON MY MIND! QUICK! LET'S GO BACK TO OUR HUT!
SHORTLY...
THAT HEAD INJURY MUST'VE TEMPORARILY AFFECTED MY MIND SO THAT WHEN I SAW THOSE COSTUMES IT DROVE ME TO ACT OUT A NURSERY RHYME IN THIS BOOK WE HAD READ TOGETHER! RICH MAN! POOR MAN! BEGGARMAN! THIEF! DOCTOR! LAWYER! INDIAN CHIEF!
RICH MAN
POOR MAN
GARMAN
IT'S A COUNTING RHYME CHILDREN LEARN WHEN THEY UNDRESS FOR BED! AS THEY UNBUTTON THE BUTTONS OF THEIR CLOTHES, THEY COUNT OFF... RICH MAN! POOR MAN! BEGGAR-MAN! THIEF! DOCTOR! LAWYER! INDIAN CHIEF! IF THE LAST BUTTON YOU STOP AT IS RICH MAN, IT MEANS YOU'LL BE RICH WHEN YOU GROW UP!
GASP! THEN THAT'S WHY YOU WORE THOSE COSTUMES! TO ILLUSTRATE EACH OCCUPATION!
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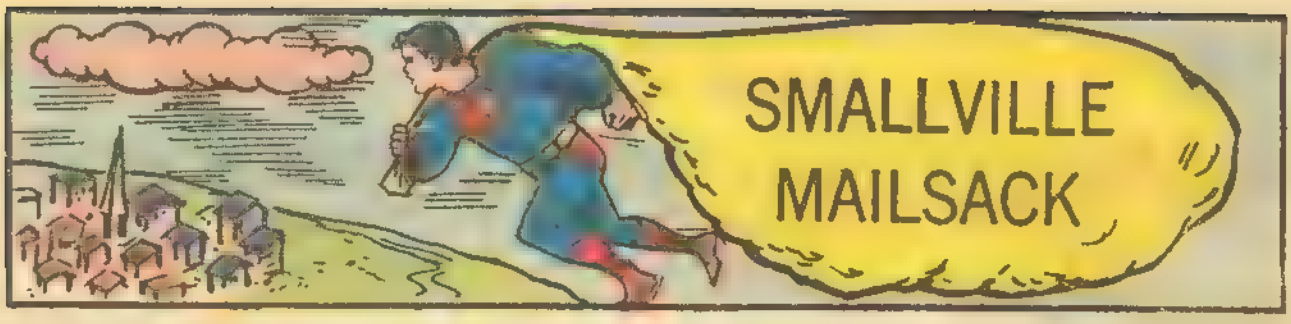
The END.



Dear Editor: You recently published a letter written by Richard Deere of Cleveland, Ohio, in which he suggested to us fans that we quit pestering you with boo-boos we've found in your pages. I wish to comment on his letter. To many of us, your comics have begun an almost true science magazine from which we learn many worthwhile facts. Some of us scientific-minded fans have spotted boo-boos of the type Reader Deere refers to and report them to you only because we wish to have things straightened out. I am sure that when you are honest enough to publish our criticisms in your magazines it encourages thousands of your readers to read your stories more closely. Of course, there are always readers who examine every story with a magnifying glass and chortle with glee when they can catch the editors in a goof. I think these fans overdo it, unless they are writing you in the spirit of constructive criticism.

Frances Judkins, Levelland, Texas.

(Well said!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think I spotted a mistake in the September issue of ADVENTURE COMICS. In the "Congorilla" story, on the last page there is a picture of "Congorilla" and he was colored purple instead of golden. What gives?

Sue Brown, Lemon Grove, Calif.

(This story took place on a different planet; obviously the artist was out of this world when he checked the proofs. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have read several stories of SUPERBOY and his pet super-dog, KRYPTO. Well, how about giving us a "super-kitten"?

Mark M. Hunter, Pound Ridge, N. Y.

(You should read our companion magazine, ACTION COMICS which often features the adventures of STREAKY, a precocious cat who belongs to SUPERGIRL and acquires super-powers now and then. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have been a fan of SUPERBOY's for a long time and I think you're pretty smart to dream up the clever and original stories you give us. But apparently you can't tell time. In the story, "The Duel From Earth," on Page 5, Panel 6, you show a clock with Roman numerals. Where the XII should be, you have XI, which is wrong. Twelve in Roman numerals is XII. Guilty or not? Jimmy Hall, Center, Texas

(This clock must have been drawn by a cluck. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I adore your stories in ADVENTURE COMICS, but my favorite feature is AQUAMAN. Since most other of your heroes have girl friends, why doesn't he? I think an "Aquagirl" would be as popular as "Supergirl". And you could make it quite different from the relationship you've established between Lois Lane and SUPERMAN. The switch could be that AQUAMAN likes "Aquagirl". How about it?

Ann Winquist, Panama, Canal Zone.

(We intend to give AQUAMAN a romantic interest. What do you and other readers think of having him meet LORI the Mermaid when she is all grown up, who can introduce him to some single, unattached girl in Atlantis? By the way, you'll find a story of LORI, when she was a teen-ager, in this issue, in the story of SUPERBOY.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: After seeing how AQUAMAN recently salvaged two Kryptonite meteors from the sea, a thought occurred to me. Wonder Woman, Supergirl, Roy Ramond, and many other DC heroes are always shown dumping menacing objects and dangerous inventions into the sea, so they can't be turned loose on the outside world. Well, what does AQUAMAN think of their actions? Wouldn't he be mad at the way they are constantly sabotaging his domain? Aren't these "junked" monsters and machines a threat to the safety of his friendly fish pals and himself? Bob Cherry, Detroit, Mich.

(You've just given us the basis for a swell story, Bob, one that we'll take advantage of in the near future.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In your August issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, in the story, "The Origin of the Superman-Batman Team", on Page Nine, Panel 1, we see three giant wax faces. Well, the first wax face has no top on his head. What happened? Richard Oden, Hyattsville, Md.

(We guess he "blew his top."—Ed.)

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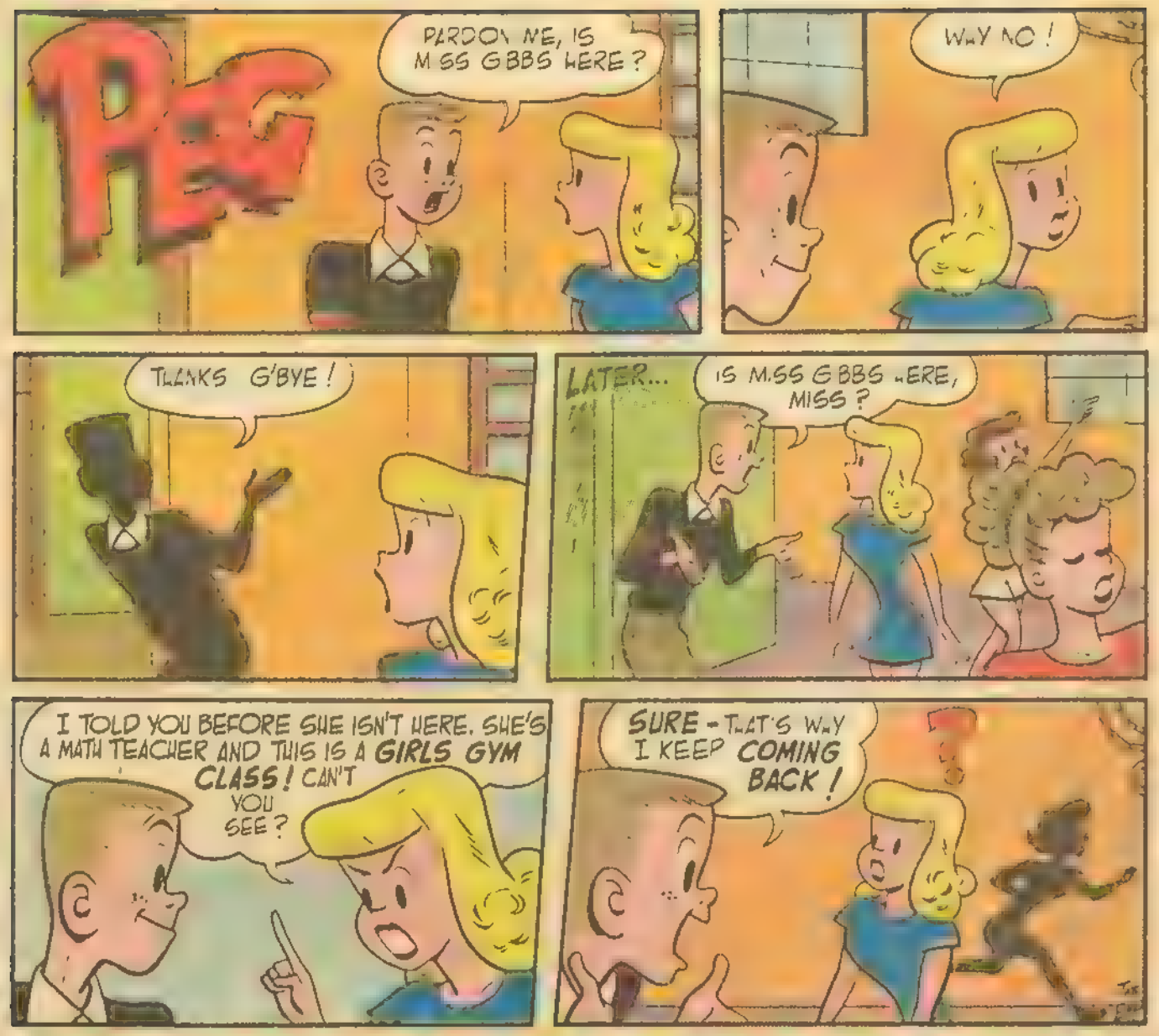
Dear Editor: Since the "golden gorilla" is only a dumb animal, wouldn't the ring he wears annoy him? Isn't Congo Bill afraid the gorilla may some day rub the ring accidentally and put Congo Bill in an embarrassing spot?

Judy Kelly, Fairlawn, N. Y.

(The magic of the ring works only when it is rubbed THREE times, a fact which is clearly established in the CONGORILLA story scheduled for our next issue. This will be a full-length, 13-page CONGORILLA story, by the way, and replace AQUAMAN, which will appear as a 13-page feature in the March issue. Henceforth, the two features will appear on alternate months, giving the writers and artists a better chance to tell a more dramatic story.—Ed.)

Send all comments on a postal card to: Smallville Mailsack, National Comics, 575 Lexington Ave., New York 22, N. Y.



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PLEASE DON'T TELL THE ENDING TO YOUR FRIENDS!

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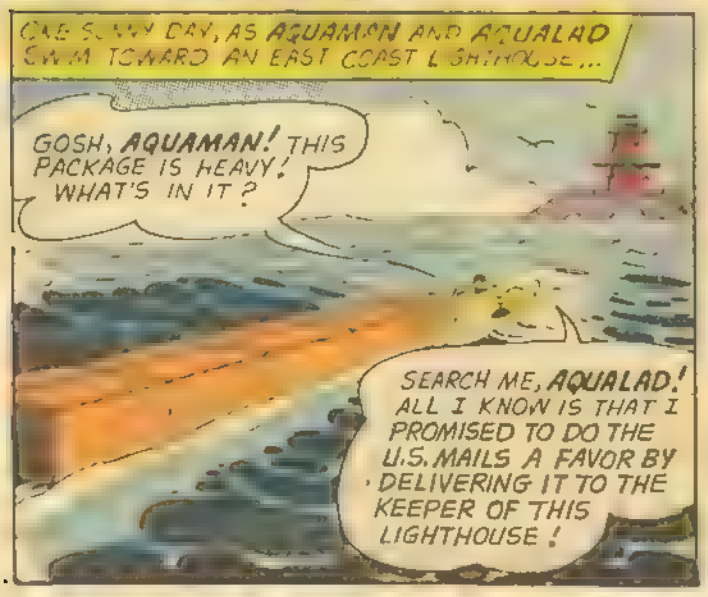
This issue features a sensational SWITCH!
JIMMY OLSEN BECOMES AS POWERFUL as SUPERMAN and SUPERMAN BECOMES AS POWERLESS as JIMMY!
YOU'LL FEEL SORRY FOR THE MAN OF STEEL WHEN YOU READ...
"The LIFE of SUPER-JIMMY OLSEN!"

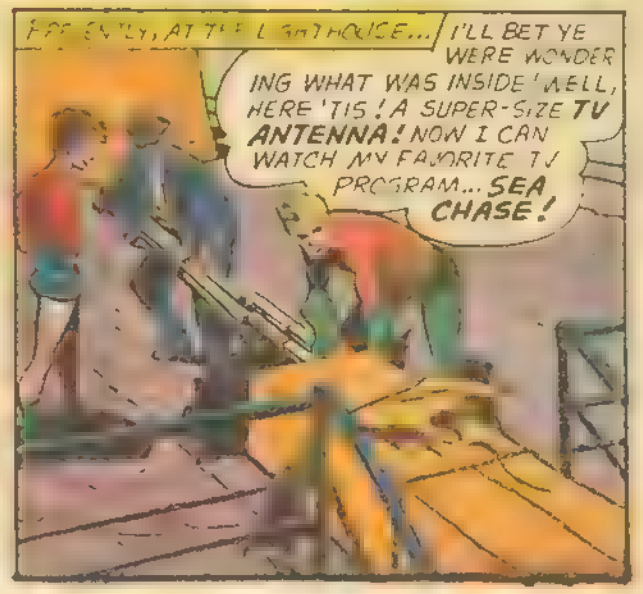
AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD

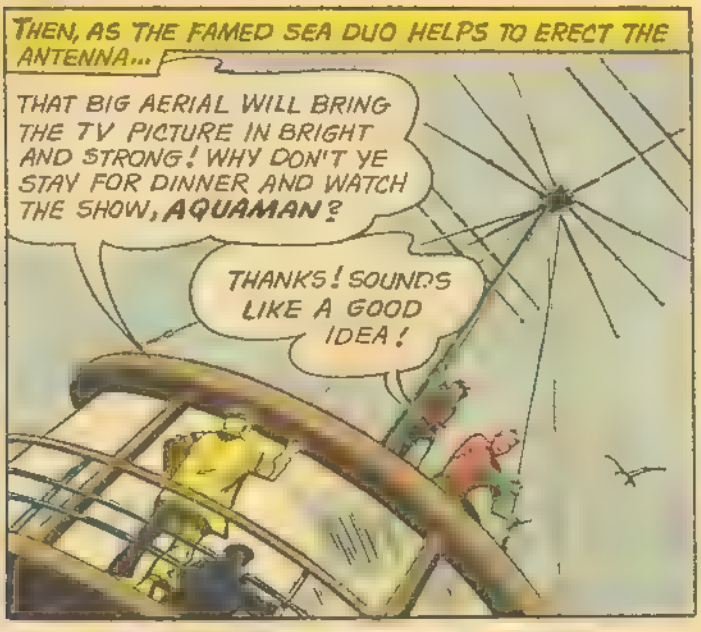
ONE DAY THE KING OF THE SEA, **AQUAMAN**, AND HIS YOUNG PROTEGE, **AQUALAD**, FIND THEMSELVES IN A WORLD UNLIKE ANYTHING ENCOUNTERED ON EARTH! A WORLD FILLED WITH HUGE, PREHISTORIC SEA BEASTS WHO DO NOT RESPOND TO **AQUAMAN**'S COMMANDS! ACCUSTOMED TO THE OBEDIENCE OF ALL SEA CREATURES IN ALL OF THE EARTH'S SEVEN SEAS, HOW CAN **AQUAMAN** COPE WITH THE RAMPAGING MONSTERS OF...

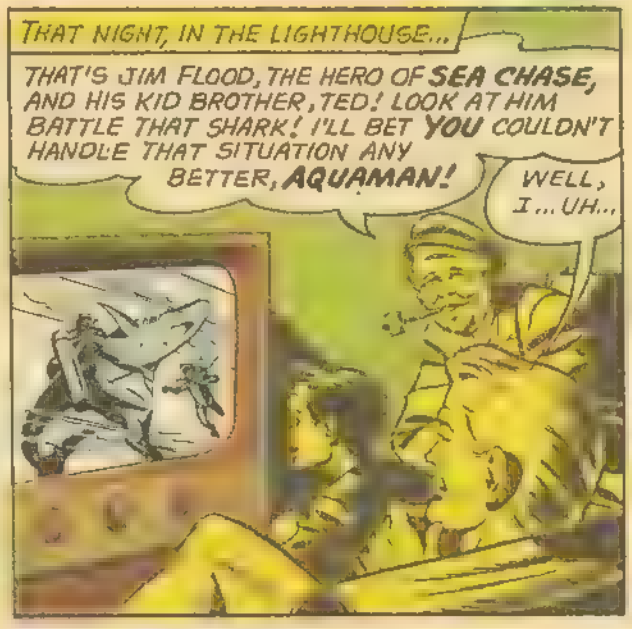
The LOST OCEAN!

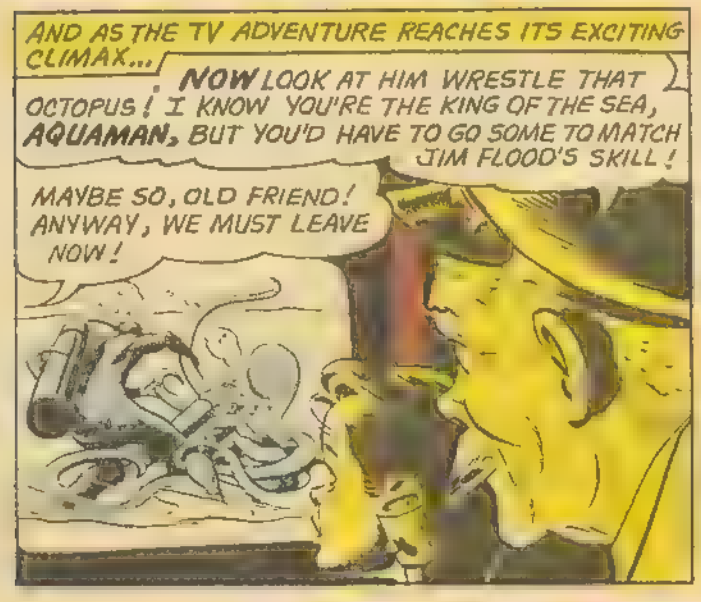
GASP! T-THAT PREHISTOR'IC SEA-CENTIPEDE IS ATTACKING US! IT'S ENRAGED BECAUSE IT THINKS WE'RE STEALING ITS EGG! AND **AQUAMAN** CAN'T CONTROL OR COMMAND IT! T-THIS LOOKS LIKE **THE END!**

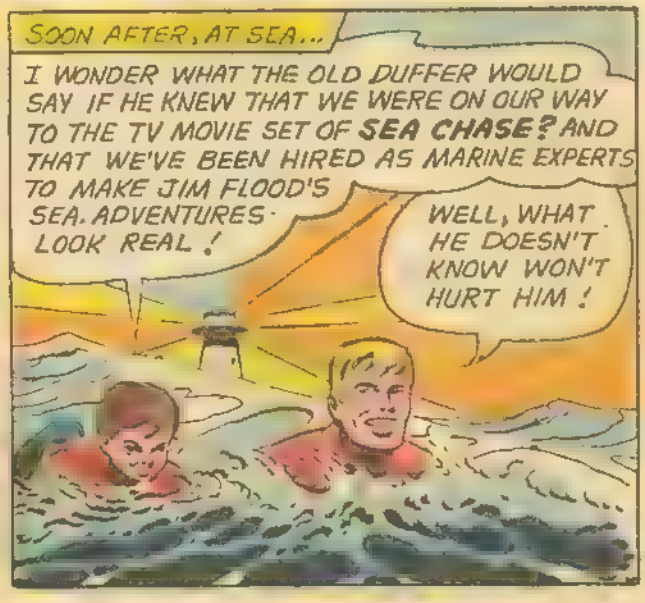


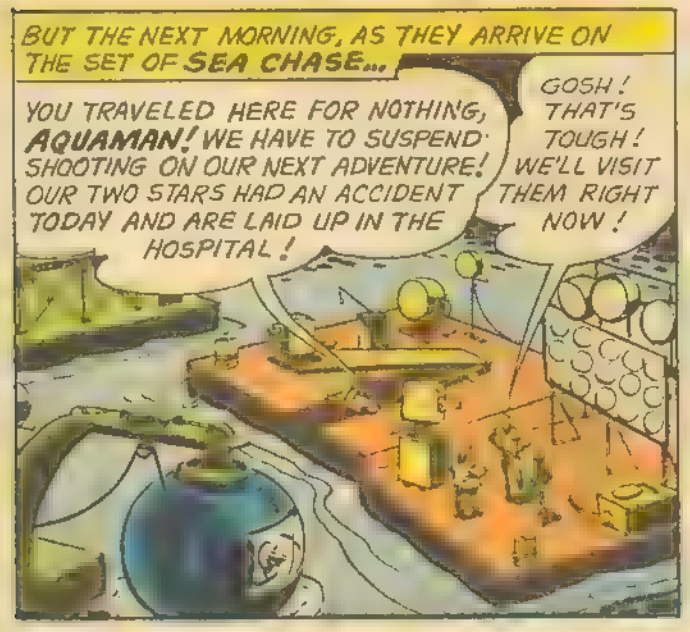


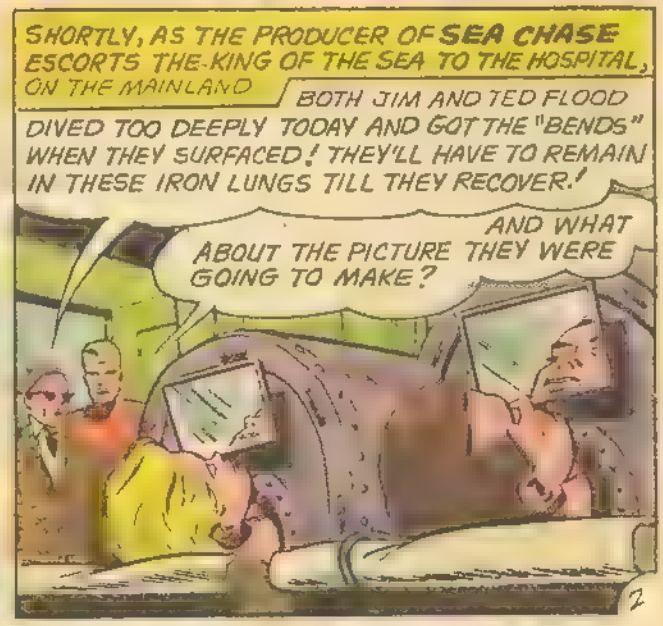

THEN, AS THE FAMED SEA DUO HELPS TO ERECT THE ANTENNA...
THAT BIG AERIAL WILL BRING THE TV PICTURE IN BRIGHT AND STRONG! WHY DON'T YE STAY FOR DINNER AND WATCH THE SHOW, AQUAMAN?
THANKS! SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA!

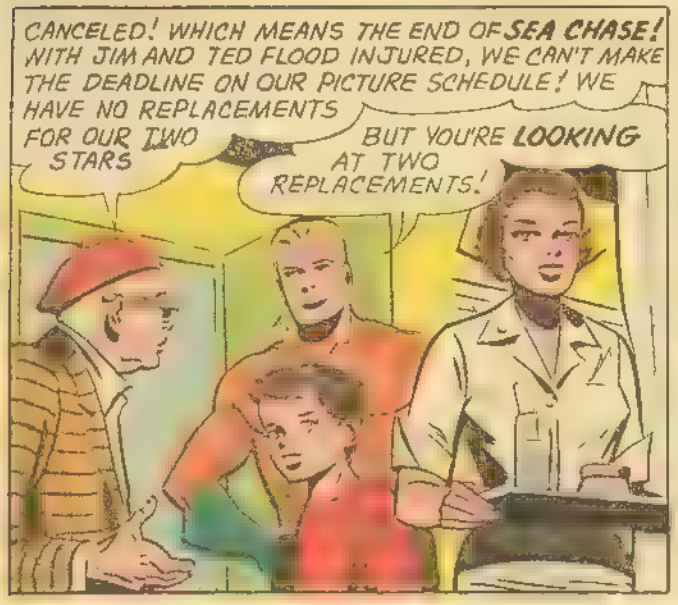

THAT NIGHT, IN THE LIGHTHOUSE...
THAT'S JIM FLOOD, THE HERO OF SEA CHASE, AND HIS KID BROTHER, TED! LOOK AT HIM BATTLE THAT SHARK! I'LL BET YOU COULDN'T HANDLE THAT SITUATION ANY BETTER, AQUAMAN!
WELL, I... UH...

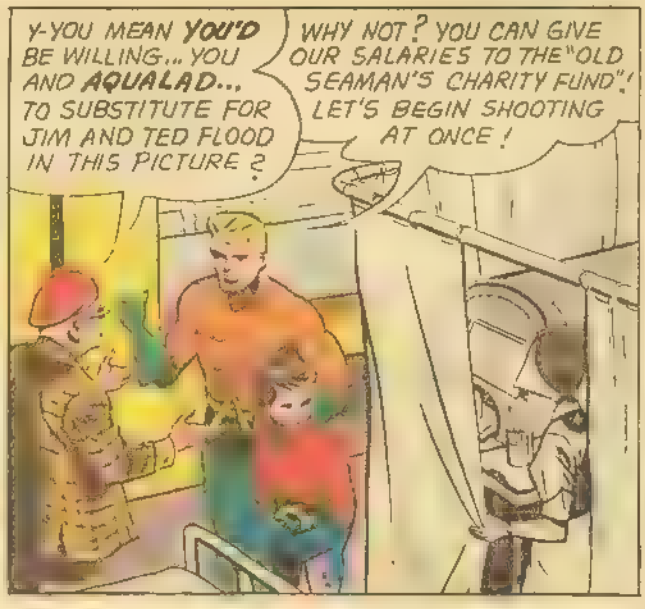

AND AS THE TV ADVENTURE REACHES ITS EXCITING CLIMAX...
NOW LOOK AT HIM WRESTLE THAT OCTOPUS! I KNOW YOU'RE THE KING OF THE SEA, AQUAMAN, BUT YOU'D HAVE TO GO SOME TO MATCH JIM FLOOD'S SKILL!
MAYBE SO, OLD FRIEND! ANYWAY, WE MUST LEAVE NOW!

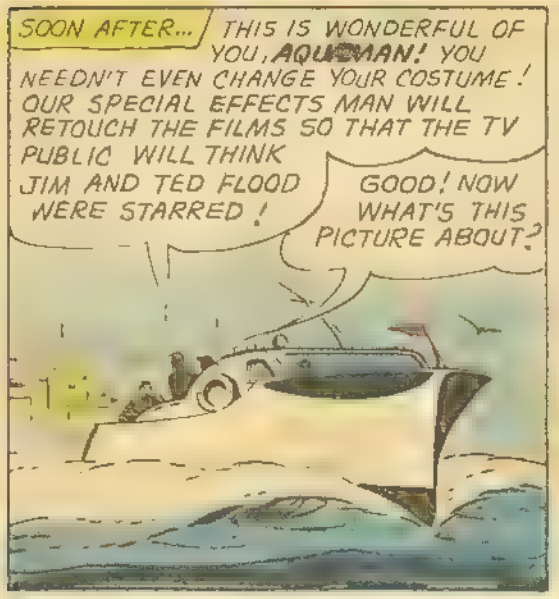

SOON AFTER, AT SEA...
I WONDER WHAT THE OLD DUFFER WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW THAT WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE TV MOVIE SET OF SEA CHASE? AND THAT WE'VE BEEN HIRED AS MARINE EXPERTS TO MAKE JIM FLOOD'S SEA ADVENTURES LOOK REAL!
WELL, WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WON'T HURT HIM!

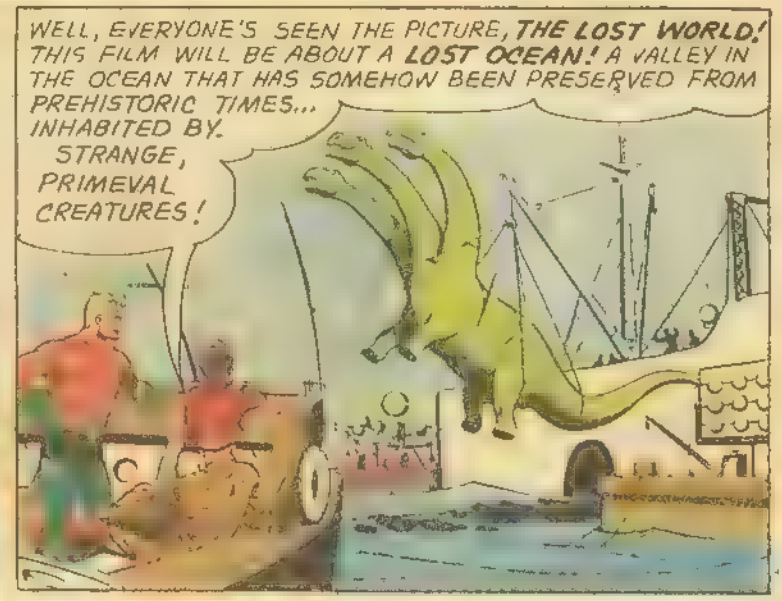

BUT THE NEXT MORNING, AS THEY ARRIVE ON THE SET OF SEA CHASE...
YOU TRAVELED HERE FOR NOTHING, AQUAMAN! WE HAVE TO SUSPEND SHOOTING ON OUR NEXT ADVENTURE! OUR TWO STARS HAD AN ACCIDENT TODAY AND ARE LAID UP IN THE HOSPITAL!
GOSH! THAT'S TOUGH! WE'LL VISIT THEM RIGHT NOW!

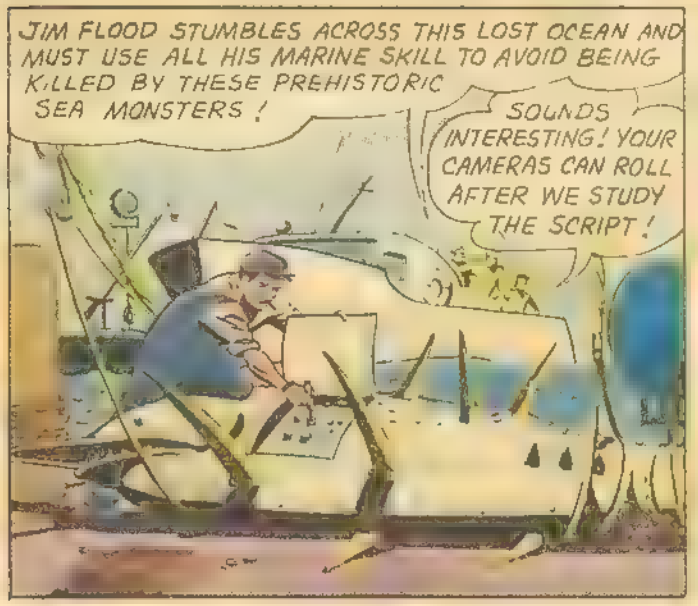

SHORTLY, AS THE PRODUCER OF SEA CHASE ESCORTS THE KING OF THE SEA TO THE HOSPITAL, ON THE MAINLAND
BOTH JIM AND TED FLOOD DIVED TOO DEEPLY TODAY AND GOT THE "BENDS" WHEN THEY SURFACED! THEY'LL HAVE TO REMAIN IN THESE IRON LUNGS TILL THEY RECOVER!
AND WHAT ABOUT THE PICTURE THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE?

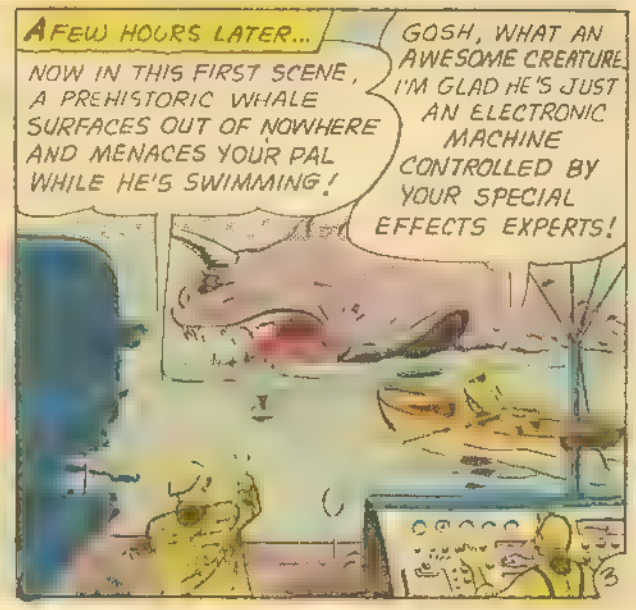

CANCELED! WHICH MEANS THE END OF SEA CHASE! WITH JIM AND TED FLOOD INJURED, WE CAN'T MAKE THE DEADLINE ON OUR PICTURE SCHEDULE! WE HAVE NO REPLACEMENTS FOR OUR TWO STARS
BUT YOU'RE LOOKING AT TWO REPLACEMENTS!

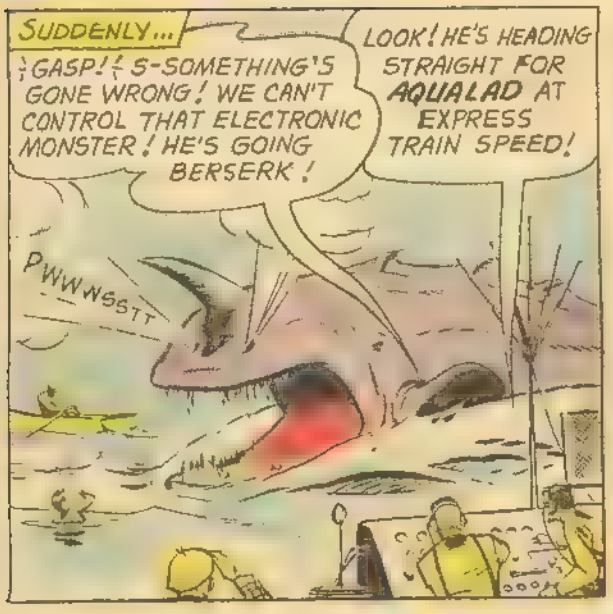

Y-YOU MEAN YOU'D BE WILLING... YOU AND AQUALAD... TO SUBSTITUTE FOR JIM AND TED FLOOD IN THIS PICTURE?
WHY NOT? YOU CAN GIVE OUR SALARIES TO THE "OLD SEAMAN'S CHARITY FUND"! LET'S BEGIN SHOOTING AT ONCE!

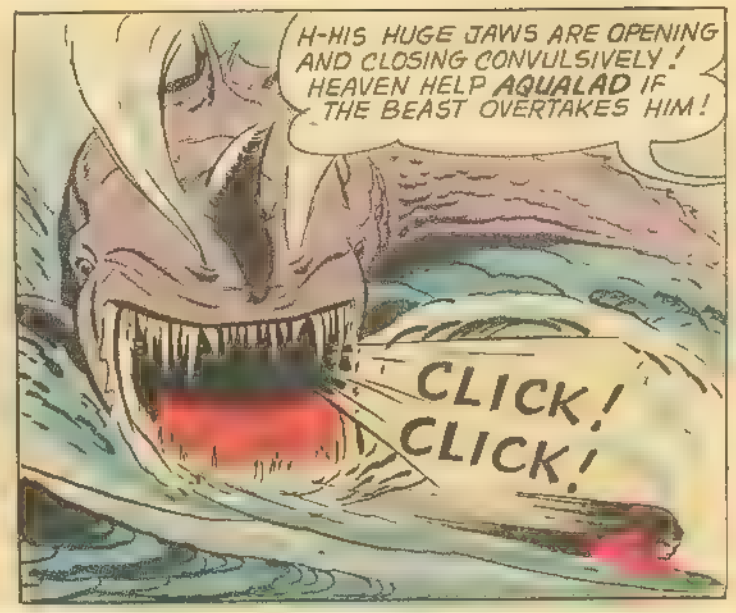

SOON AFTER...
THIS IS WONDERFUL OF YOU, AQUAMAN! YOU NEEDN'T EVEN CHANGE YOUR COSTUME! OUR SPECIAL EFFECTS MAN WILL RETOUCH THE FILMS SO THAT THE TV PUBLIC WILL THINK JIM AND TED FLOOD WERE STARRED!
GOOD! NOW WHAT'S THIS PICTURE ABOUT?


WELL, EVERYONE'S SEEN THE PICTURE, THE LOST WORLD! THIS FILM WILL BE ABOUT A LOST OCEAN! A VALLEY IN THE OCEAN THAT HAS SOMEHOW BEEN PRESERVED FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES... INHABITED BY
STRANGE, PRIMEVAL CREATURES!

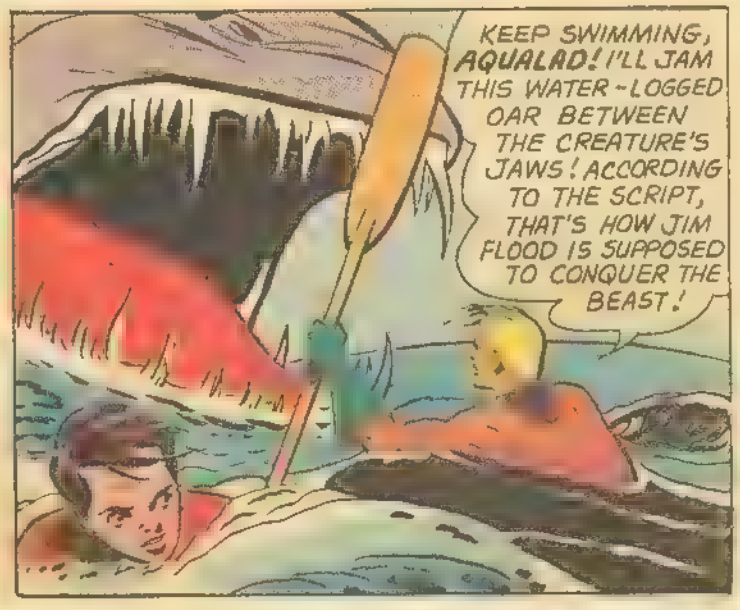

JIM FLOOD STUMBLES ACROSS THIS LOST OCEAN AND MUST USE ALL HIS MARINE SKILL TO AVOID BEING KILLED BY THESE PREHISTORIC SEA MONSTERS!
SOUNDS INTERESTING! YOUR CAMERAS CAN ROLL AFTER WE STUDY THE SCRIPT!

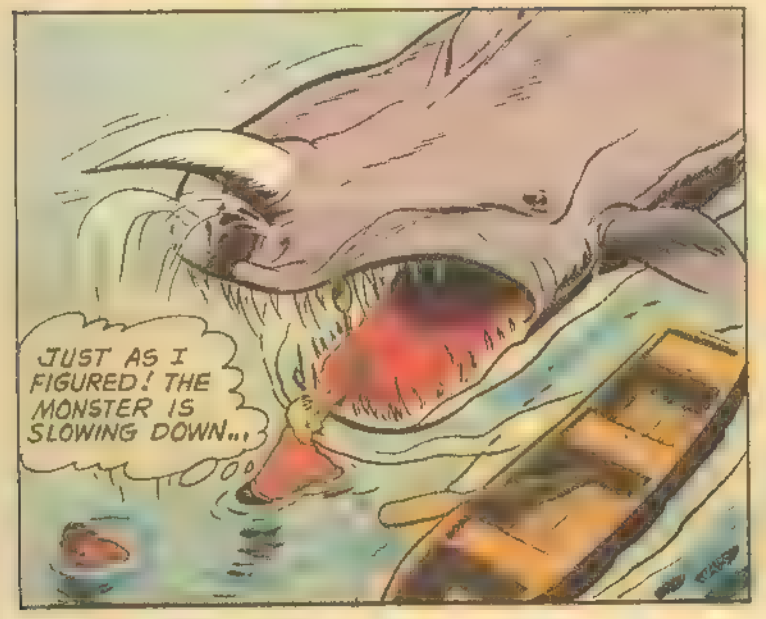

A FEW HOURS LATER...
NOW IN THIS FIRST SCENE, A PREHISTORIC WHALE SURFACES OUT OF NOWHERE AND MENACES YOUR PAL WHILE HE'S SWIMMING!
GOSH, WHAT AN AWESOME CREATURE! I'M GLAD HE'S JUST AN ELECTRONIC MACHINE CONTROLLED BY YOUR SPECIAL EFFECTS EXPERTS!

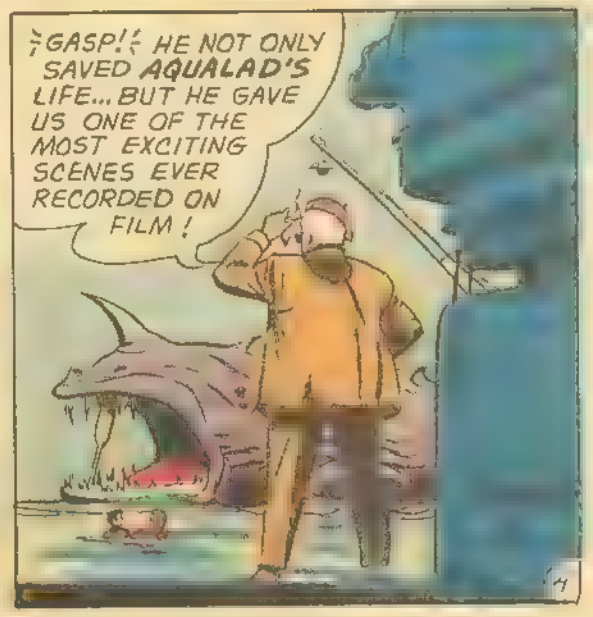

SUDDENLY...
GASP! S-SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! WE CAN'T CONTROL THAT ELECTRONIC MONSTER! HE'S GOING BERSERK!
LOOK! HE'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR AQUALAD AT EXPRESS TRAIN SPEED!
PWWWSSTT

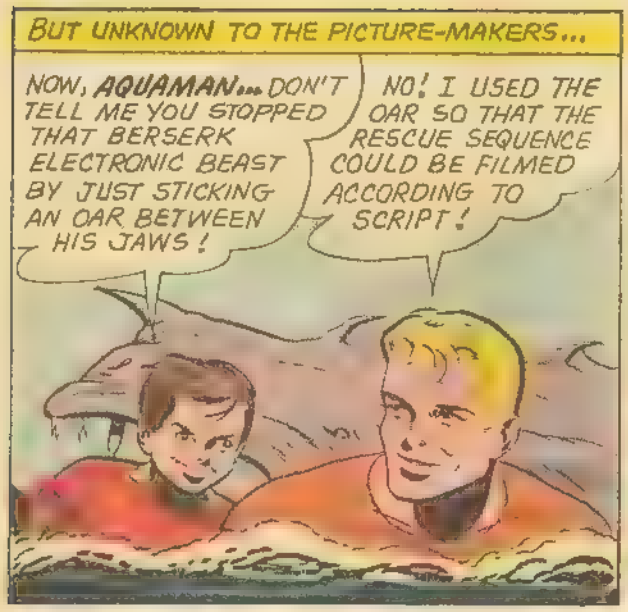

H-HIS HUGE JAWS ARE OPENING AND CLOSING CONVULSIVELY! HEAVEN HELP AQUALAD IF THE BEAST OVERTAKES HIM!
CLICK! CLICK!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, KEEP THOSE CAMERAS ROLLING! WE MAY BE FILMING THE ADVENTURE SCENE TO END ALL ADVENTURE SCENES!
LOOK! AQUAMAN IS GOING TO AQUALAD'S RESCUE!

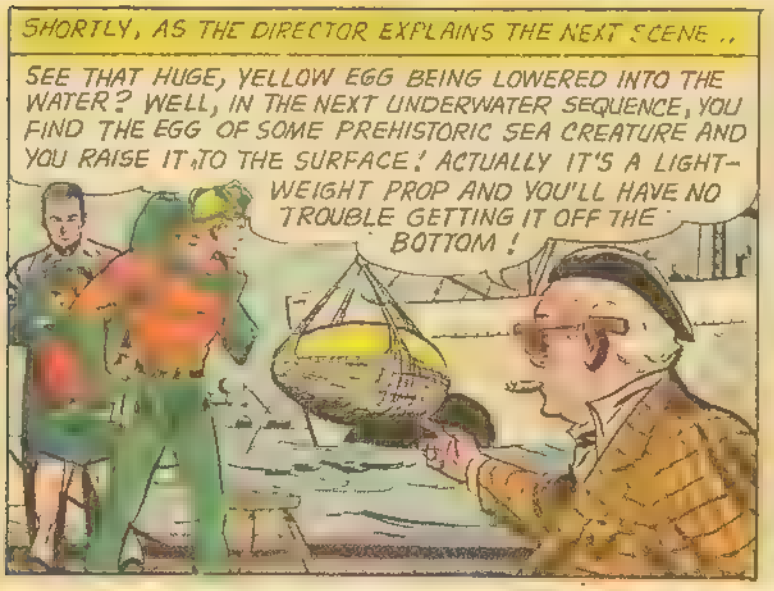

KEEP SWIMMING, AQUALAD! I'LL JAM THIS WATER-LOGGED OAR BETWEEN THE CREATURE'S JAWS! ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT, THAT'S HOW JIM FLOOD IS SUPPOSED TO CONQUER THE BEAST!

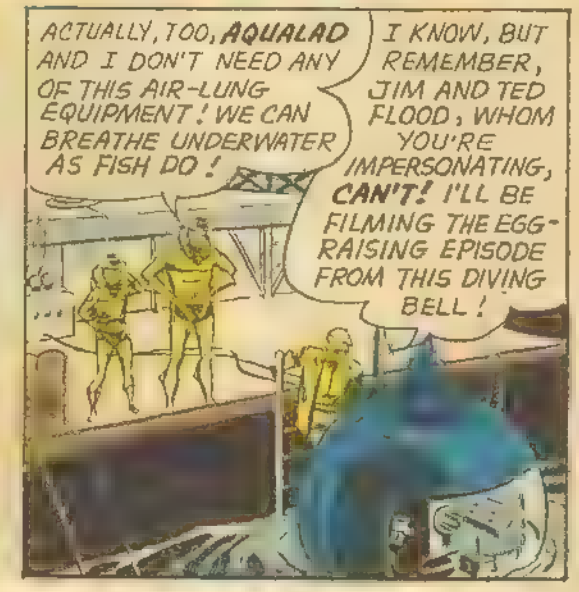

JUST AS I FIGURED! THE MONSTER IS SLOWING DOWN...

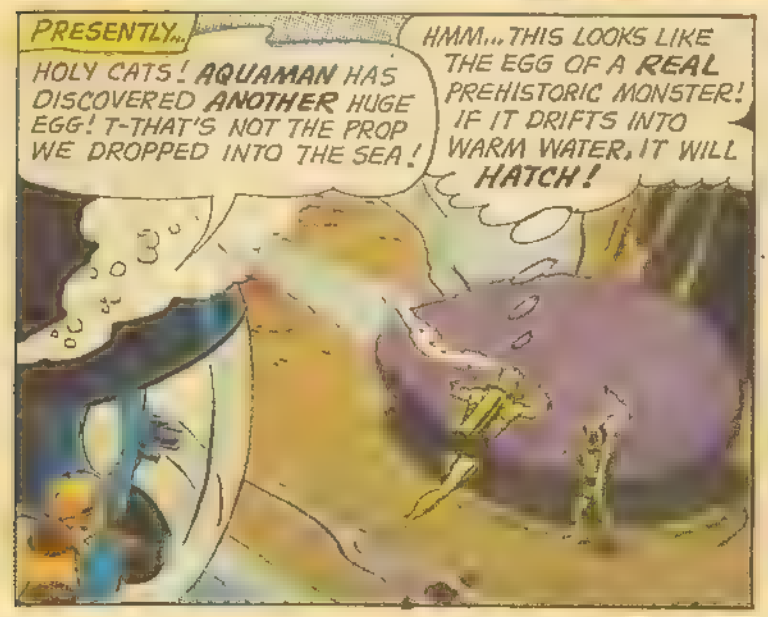

GASP! HE NOT ONLY SAVED AQUALAD'S LIFE... BUT HE GAVE US ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING SCENES EVER RECORDED ON FILM!

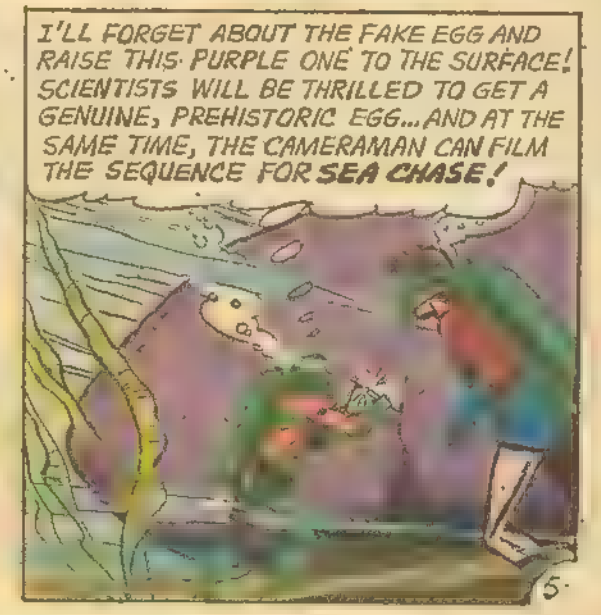

BUT UNKNOWN TO THE PICTURE-MAKERS...
NOW, AQUAMAN... DON'T TELL ME YOU STOPPED THAT BERSERK ELECTRONIC BEAST BY JUST STICKING AN OAR BETWEEN HIS JAWS!
NO! I USED THE OAR SO THAT THE RESCUE SEQUENCE COULD BE FILMED ACCORDING TO SCRIPT!

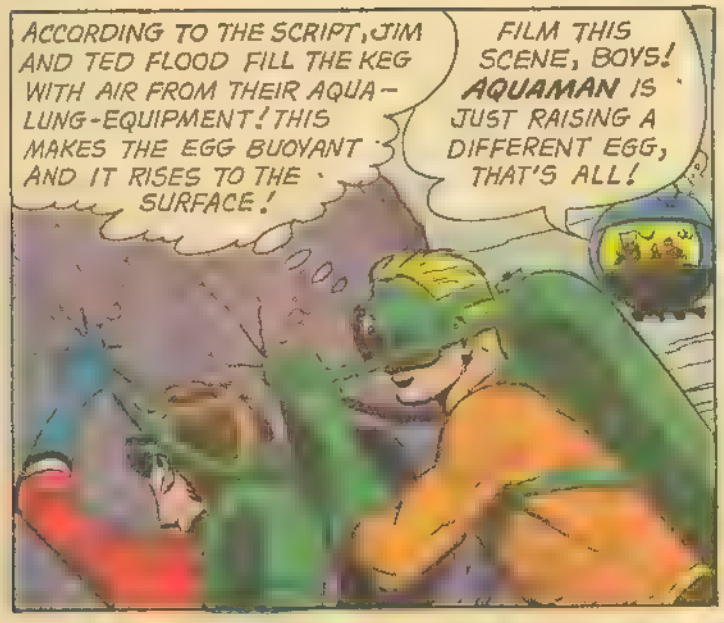
"WHEN I SAW YOUR DANGER, I COMMUNICATED WITH ALL THE ELECTRIC EELS IN THE VICINITY! THROUGH TELEPATHY, I COMMANDED THEM TO ATTACH THEMSELVES TO THE UNDERPARTS OF THE RAMPAGING MACHINE AND SHORT-CIRCUIT IT WITH ELECTRIC SHOCKS!"
WHHSSSTTT

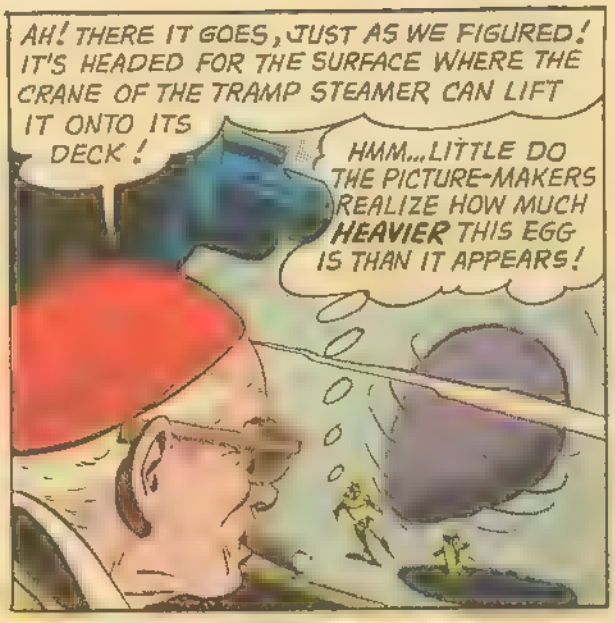

SHORTLY, AS THE DIRECTOR EXPLAINS THE NEXT SCENE..
SEE THAT HUGE, YELLOW EGG BEING LOWERED INTO THE WATER? WELL, IN THE NEXT UNDERWATER SEQUENCE, YOU FIND THE EGG OF SOME PREHISTORIC SEA CREATURE AND YOU RAISE IT TO THE SURFACE! ACTUALLY IT'S A LIGHT-WEIGHT PROP AND YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE GETTING IT OFF THE BOTTOM!

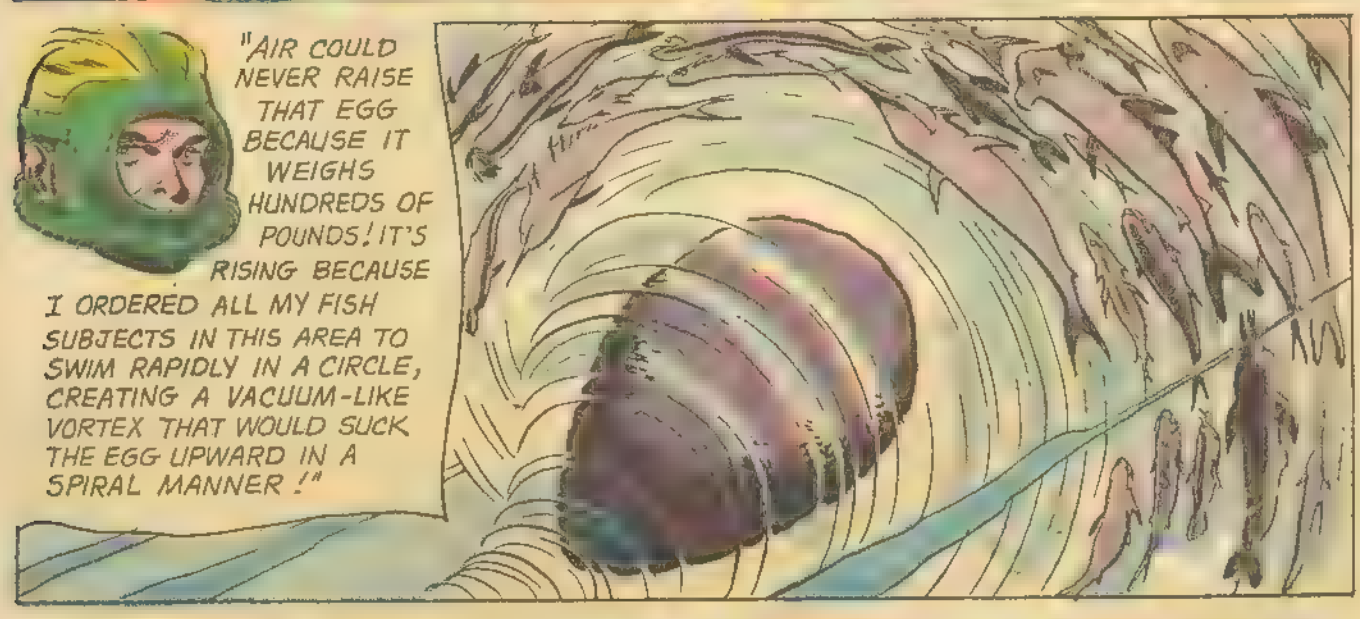

ACTUALLY, TOO, AQUALAD AND I DON'T NEED ANY OF THIS AIR-LUNG EQUIPMENT! WE CAN BREATHE UNDERWATER AS FISH DO!
I KNOW, BUT REMEMBER, JIM AND TED FLOOD, WHOM YOU'RE IMPERSONATING, CAN'T! I'LL BE FILMING THE EGG-RAISING EPISODE FROM THIS DIVING BELL!

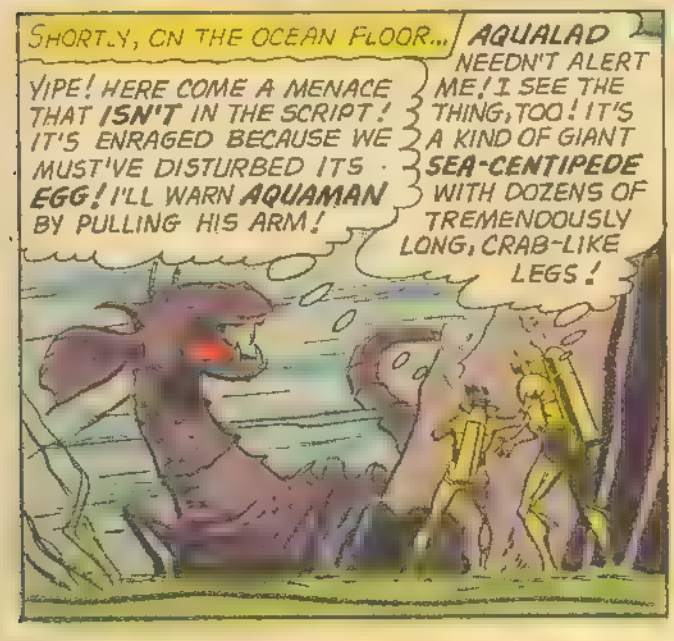

PRESENTLY...
HOLY CATS! AQUAMAN HAS DISCOVERED ANOTHER HUGE EGG! T-THAT'S NOT THE PROP WE DROPPED INTO THE SEA!
HMM... THIS LOOKS LIKE THE EGG OF A REAL PREHISTORIC MONSTER! IF IT DRIFTS INTO WARM WATER, IT WILL HATCH!


I'LL FORGET ABOUT THE FAKE EGG AND RAISE THIS PURPLE ONE TO THE SURFACE! SCIENTISTS WILL BE THRILLED TO GET A GENUINE, PREHISTORIC EGG... AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE CAMERAMAN CAN FILM THE SEQUENCE FOR SEA CHASE!

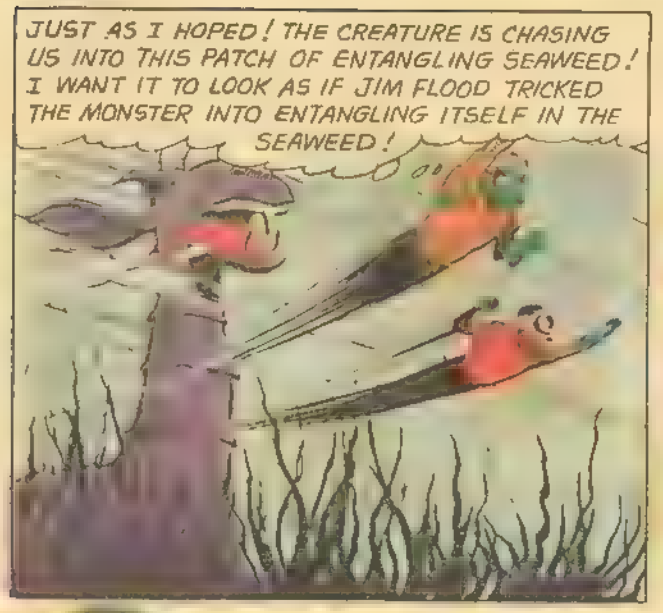

ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT, JIM AND TED FLOOD FILL THE KEG WITH AIR FROM THEIR AQUA-LUNG-EQUIPMENT! THIS MAKES THE EGG BUOYANT AND IT RISES TO THE SURFACE!
FILM THIS SCENE, BOYS! AQUAMAN IS JUST RAISING A DIFFERENT EGG, THAT'S ALL!

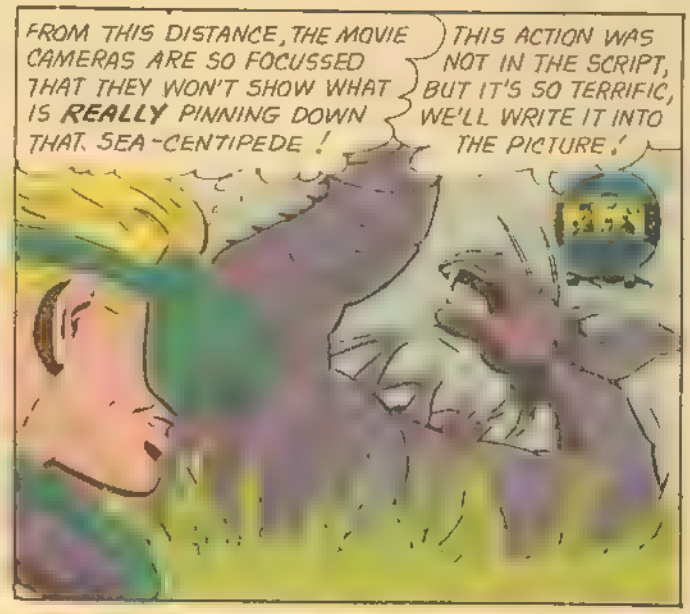

AH! THERE IT GOES, JUST AS WE FIGURED! IT'S HEADED FOR THE SURFACE WHERE THE CRANE OF THE TRAMP STEAMER CAN LIFT IT ONTO ITS DECK!
HMM... LITTLE DO THE PICTURE-MAKERS REALIZE HOW MUCH HEAVIER THIS EGG IS THAN IT APPEARS!

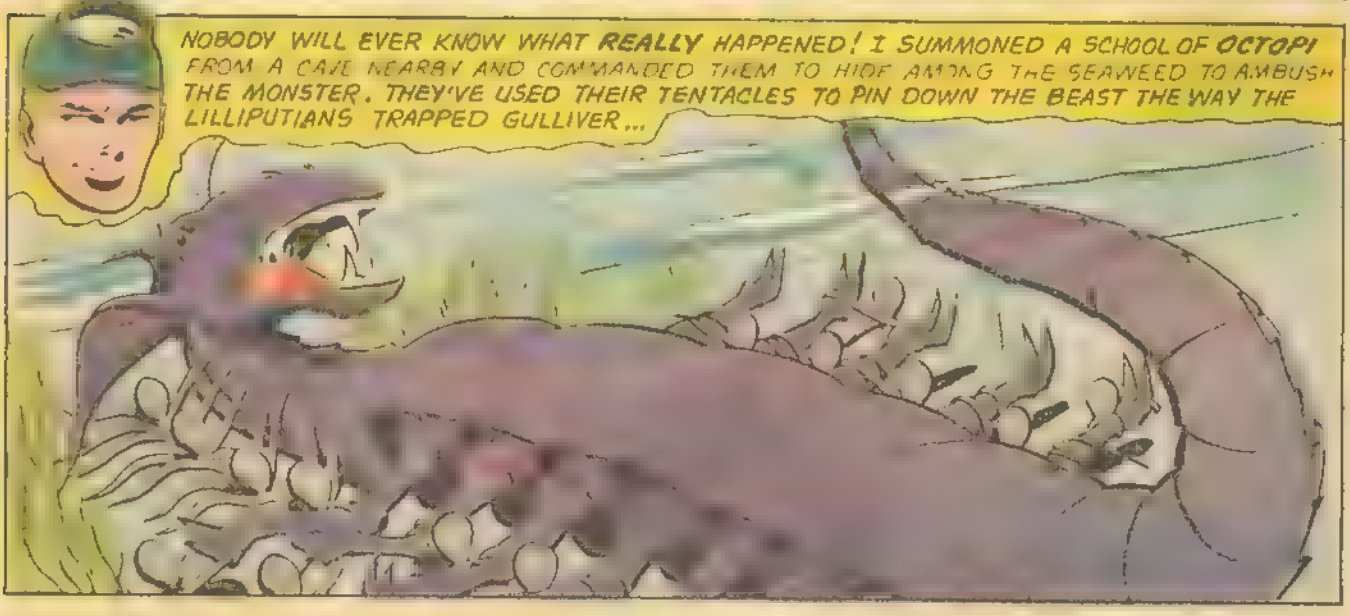

"AIR COULD NEVER RAISE THAT EGG BECAUSE IT WEIGHS HUNDREDS OF POUNDS! IT'S RISING BECAUSE I ORDERED ALL MY FISH SUBJECTS IN THIS AREA TO SWIM RAPIDLY IN A CIRCLE, CREATING A VACUUM-LIKE VORTEX THAT WOULD SUCK THE EGG UPWARD IN A SPIRAL MANNER!"

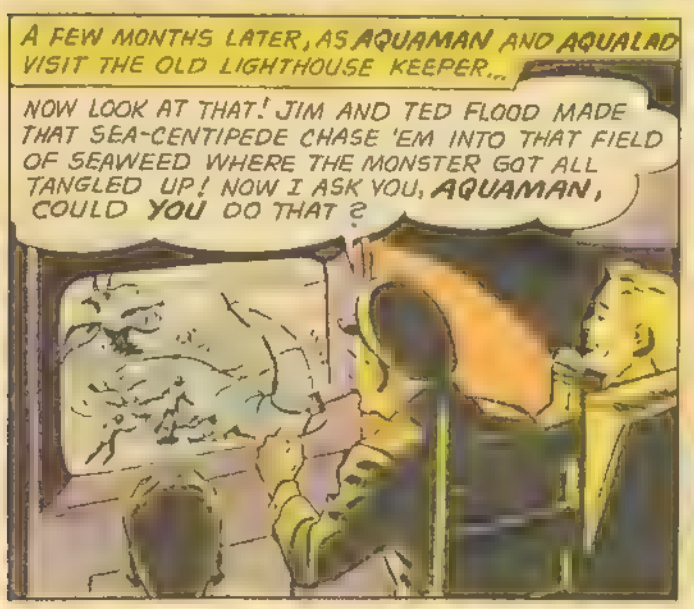

SHORTLY, ON THE OCEAN FLOOR...
YIPE! HERE COME A MENACE THAT ISN'T IN THE SCRIPT! IT'S ENRAGED BECAUSE WE MUST'VE DISTURBED ITS EGG! I'LL WARN AQUAMAN BY PULLING HIS ARM!
AQUALAD NEEDN'T ALERT ME! I SEE THE THING, TOO! IT'S A KIND OF GIANT SEA-CENTIPEDE WITH DOZENS OF TREMENDOUSLY LONG, CRAB-LIKE LEGS!

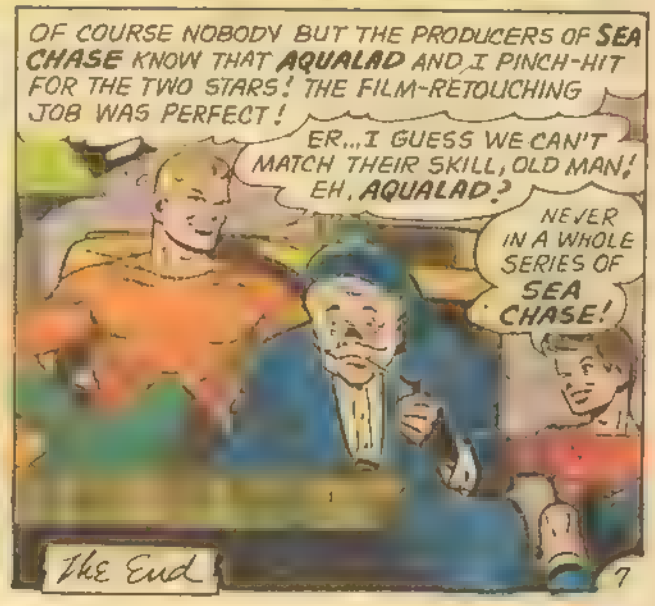
THEN, AS THE TWO SEA HEROES RETREAT...
THIS IS NO ELECTRONIC MONSTER! IT'S A REAL THROWBACK TO PREHISTORIC TIMES THAT HAS SOMEHOW SURVIVED IN THE OCEAN FLOOR! I'LL MAKE IT PURSUE US INTO THAT MEADOW OF SEAWEED!
GET THIS SCENE DOWN ON FILM, BOYS! THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAS NEVER DREAMED SUCH A CREATURE EVER EXISTED!


JUST AS I HOPED! THE CREATURE IS CHASING US INTO THIS PATCH OF ENTANGLING SEAWEED! I WANT IT TO LOOK AS IF JIM FLOOD TRICKED THE MONSTER INTO ENTANGLING ITSELF IN THE SEAWEED!


FROM THIS DISTANCE, THE MOVIE CAMERAS ARE SO FOCUSSED THAT THEY WON'T SHOW WHAT IS REALLY PINNING DOWN THAT SEA-CENTIPEDE!
THIS ACTION WAS NOT IN THE SCRIPT, BUT IT'S SO TERRIFIC, WE'LL WRITE IT INTO THE PICTURE!


NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED! I SUMMONED A SCHOOL OF OCTOPI FROM A CAVE NEARBY AND COMMANDED THEM TO HIDE AMONG THE SEAWEED TO AMBUSH THE MONSTER. THEY'VE USED THEIR TENTACLES TO PIN DOWN THE BEAST THE WAY THE LILLIPUTIANS TRAPPED GULLIVER...


A FEW MONTHS LATER, AS AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD VISIT THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER...
NOW LOOK AT THAT! JIM AND TED FLOOD MADE THAT SEA-CENTIPEDE CHASE 'EM INTO THAT FIELD OF SEAWEED WHERE THE MONSTER GOT ALL TANGLED UP! NOW I ASK YOU, AQUAMAN, COULD YOU DO THAT?


OF COURSE NOBODY BUT THE PRODUCERS OF SEA CHASE KNOW THAT AQUALAD AND I PINCH-HIT FOR THE TWO STARS! THE FILM-RETOUCHING JOB WAS PERFECT!
ER... I GUESS WE CAN'T MATCH THEIR SKILL, OLD MAN! EH, AQUALAD?
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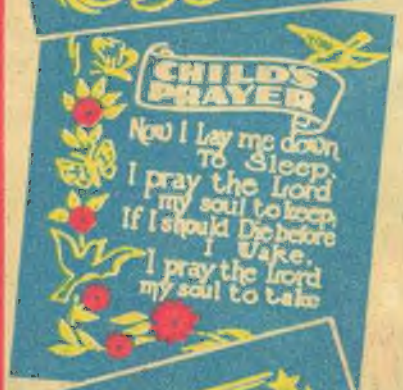

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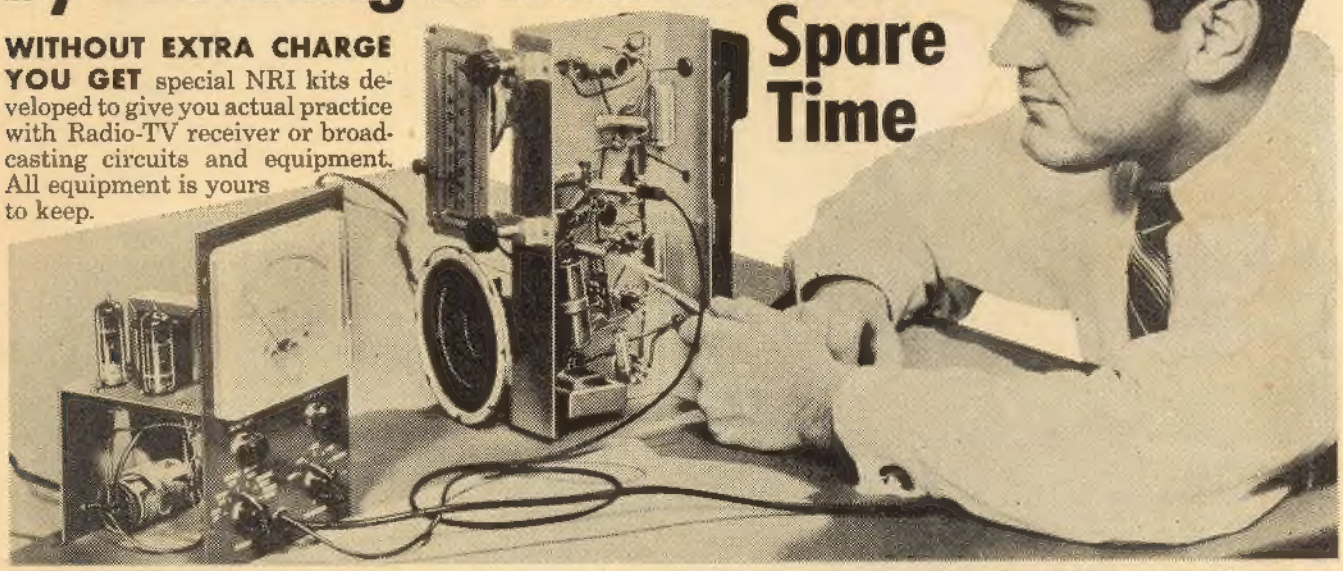

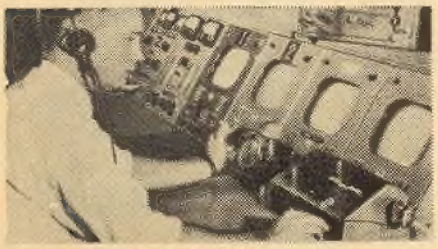

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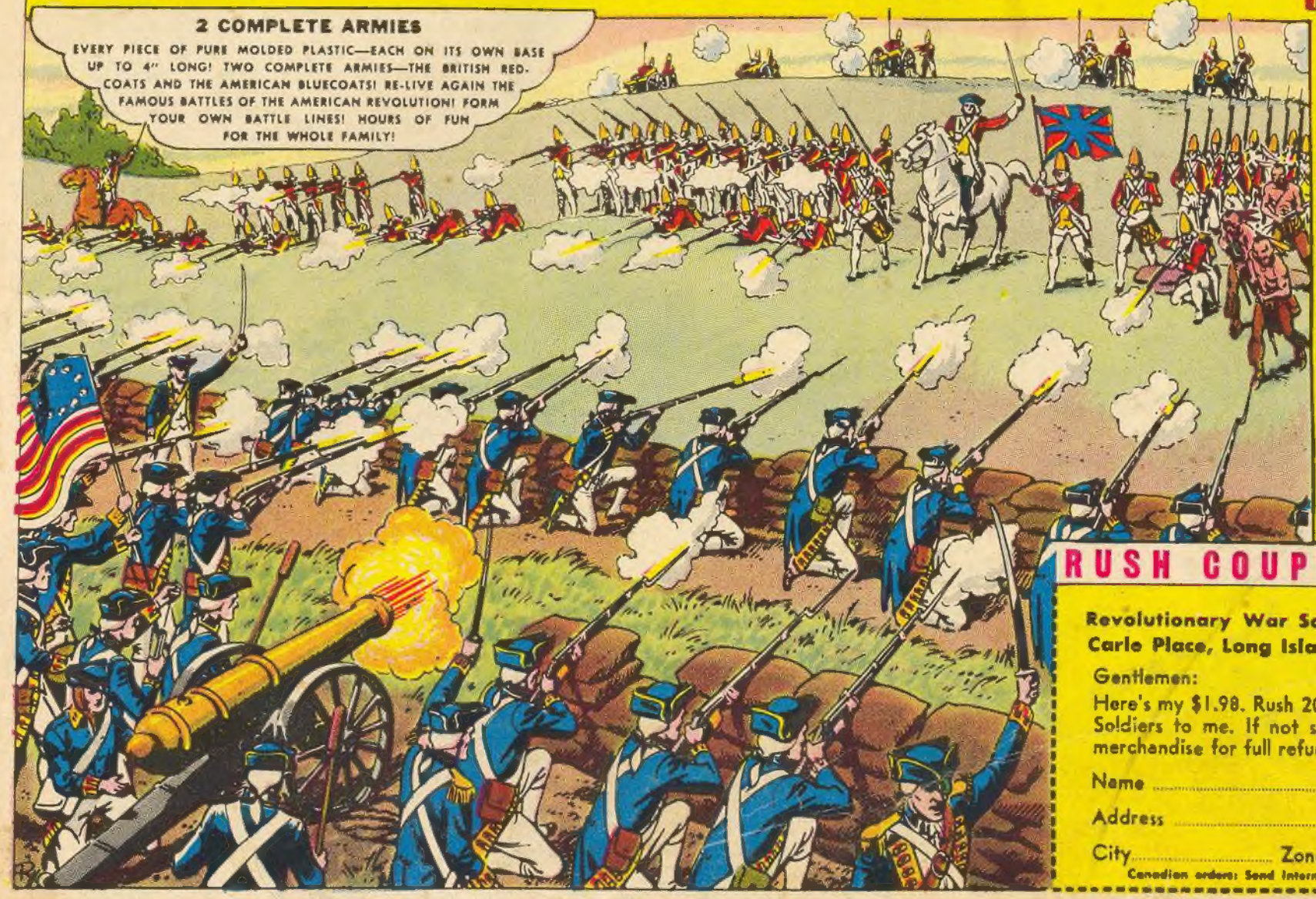

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